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- **Proposed FY to Date: \$7,472,677— 27 proposals**
- **Funded FY to Date: \$831,103 — 31 projects**

What's New

Newly Funded Projects

Congratulations to the following faculty members for their new project awards:

- 2008–2009 FAAST Regional Demonstration Center, \$98,000 — Jennifer Kent-Walsh, assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders
- 2008–2009 UCF Student Support for the Orange County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division, \$58,162 — Mike Reynolds, associate professor of criminal justice
- Building the Capacity of Agencies Transitioning to a Competitive Funding Process, \$ 2,500 — Naim Kapucu, associate professor of public administration
- Vocational Rehabilitation Service Models for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, \$109,743 — Chad Nye, professor of communication sciences and disorders, and Karen Wesley, coordinator with CARD
- Nursing Home Care Research and Capacity Building in China, \$29,071 — Tom Wan, professor of public affairs and associate dean for research; Jackie Zhang, assistant professor of public affairs; and Lynn Unruh, associate professor of health services administration
- Banner Center for Health, \$10,000 — Aaron Liberman, chair of health management and informatics



Save the Date

Spring Brown Bag Series

12 p.m., Dean's Conference Room

January 15, 2009

National Children's Study, presented by Professor and Associate Dean Tom Wan
Learn about research opportunities available through access to this data.

February 12, 2009

Action-Based Research, sponsored by the Department Public Administration

March & April 2009

TBD, sponsored by the Departments of Health Professions and Health Management and Informatics



The COHPA Office of Research Web site is being updated, but information is still available at www.cohpa.ucf.edu/Research/Contracts.htm.



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Did You Know?

COHPA Office of Research coordinators conduct initial meetings for all newly funded grant proposals. The **PI, department chair or school director**, and the **office manager** participate with the **research coordinator** to review the proposal and set up of the funded project. Budgets are reviewed and paperwork is completed to start out the project on the road to success.



Other News

In-House Grants Moving Forward

The COHPA Research Council reviewed proposals submitted by tenure-earning faculty members in response to the UCF In-House Grant Initiative. Congratulations go to the following faculty members for making it through the first round:

- Christopher Hawkins, assistant professor of public administration
- Antony Kong, assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders
- Julia Steen, assistant professor of social work
- Ross Wolf, assistant professor of criminal justice

New Proposals

New research proposals were submitted this month by the following individuals:

- Nancy Ellis, director of the Center for Community Partnerships, and Larry Martin, professor of public affairs — submitted to the Early Learning Coalition of Orange County
- Linda Rosa-Lugo, associate professor of communication sciences and disorders — submitted to the U.S. Department of Education
- Jennifer Kent-Walsh, assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders — submitted to the Florida

Alliance of Assisted Services and Technology

- Mike Reynolds, associate professor of criminal justice — submitted to the Orange County Sheriff's Office
- Mary Lou Brunell, director of the Florida Center for Nursing, and Jennifer Nooney — submitted to the AARP/Center to Champion Nursing in America

Kudos

The *Orlando Business Journal* selected Professor and Associate Dean Tom Wan as a "Health Care Innovations Hero." An announcement of the award appears in its October 17-23, 2008, issue. Congratulations to another COHPA hero!

With Deep Sorrow

The COHPA Office of Research shares in the sorrow over the loss of Brian Dornbusch, age 33. Brian was being treated for cancer. He was a COHPA alumnus and worked in the UCF Office of Research and Commercialization for over 10 years, most recently as a compliance manager working closely with this office. He will be missed.

Equipment Donations Pour In

Many thanks to those who responded to our plea for small equipment needed for a new research study. The response was overwhelming!

Annual Research Conference

The challenges and opportunities associated with community-based research were the topic of this year's Annual Health and Public Affairs Research Conference, held Oct. 23, 2008. Read more at www.cohpa.ucf.edu/2008ResearchConference.htm

Brown-Bag Success

On Nov. 6, the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies hosted a successful brown-bag meeting on "Assessing Police Use of Force Policy and Outcomes," presented by Associate Professor Eugene A. Paoline III.

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