Patel College of Global Sustainability  
Interdisciplinary Sustainability Research Development Grant Program

**Purpose:**
To stimulate interdisciplinary research collaboration through the exploration of innovative research in global sustainable solutions in one of the following areas:

- Reduction of death and illness due to lack of access to safe water,
- Improving food sustainability to reduce hunger,
- Building sustainable enterprises as a vehicle to reduce poverty, and
- Diplomacy, and strengthening civil society as a way to reduce the impact of conflict on the environment.

Our definition of “interdisciplinary” includes faculty members working in collaboration with USF colleagues across colleges/schools/campuses at USF.

The goal of this competitive grant opportunity is to lay the foundation for large-scale external grant applications, in particular, large multi-study grants, such as center grants, program project grants and training grants.

**Grant Amount:** Maximum $50,000 for a one-year project.

**Application deadline:** March 4, 2016  
**Award decision:** April 4, 2016

**Evaluation Criteria:**
The competitiveness of proposals will be strengthened by documentation of the following:

- Interdisciplinary scope: breadth of disciplines represented in the research team and potential; importance of the results to more than one discipline,
- Probability of success of the planned publications and external grant proposal(s) in this application,
- Clarity and soundness of objectives/hypotheses, research methods, budget justification,
- Projects that are original and innovative in concept and/or approach,
- Number of publications and grants/contracts resulting from previous related research and
- Priority will be given to research teams that are demonstrably interdisciplinary, are developing rather than established, have at least one early career/new researcher on it, and involve graduate students.

**Grant Proposal Review Committee:**
Deans Robert Bishop, Eric Eisenberg, Moez Limayem, Donna Petersen, and Interim Director Berman.

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