

SCIS TRAVEL SUPPORT

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The future of computer science is global and interdisciplinary in nature. We must invest in science and innovation that will result in new ideas for the training of the next generation of students and researchers at FIU. We will invest our efforts in bringing distinguished speakers from various areas of computer science. In this context, SCIS will provide travel support for invited speakers as follows:

1. Assistant Professors can invite speakers of high quality to enhance their research in their groups. The department will cover 100% of the cost for each speaker. SCIS will support up to six speakers in the academic year.
2. Associate Professors can invite speakers of high quality to enhance their research in their groups. The department will cover 75% of the cost for each speaker. SCIS will support up to four speakers in the academic year.
3. Full Professors can invite speakers of high quality to enhance their research in their groups. The department will cover 50% of the cost for each speaker. SCIS will support up to two speakers in the academic year.
4. Non-tenure track faculty can invite speakers of high quality to enhance their extra-curricular activities, including but not limited to research. The department will cover 100% of the cost for each speaker. SCIS will support up to two speakers in the academic year.

Speaker suggestions are on a first-come first-serve basis. The faculty who invites a speaker must cover the remaining cost, if any, with support from their research grants. Distinguished speakers (such as ACM Fellows, IEEE Fellows, Members of the National Academy of Engineering, etc.) will also be invited with input from the executive committee and will not count against the invited speakers slots listed above. The faculty may also nominate members of the NAE.

The impact of the lecture series is to provide the following:

- Enhance the research areas of a group, to collaborate, and to create centers of excellence.
- Enhance another area of interest to the department, such as entrepreneurship, patents, or outreach.
- Help nominate our faculty members for national awards.
- Provide new avenues for internships and job opportunities for our students.
- Increase the visibility of our school on a global level.

In short, the rationale behind this lecture series is to meet and network with professionals from distinguished labs, corporations, and universities. The seminar series chair will coordinate this effort so please send your request to him or her. In your request, please indicate how inviting this speaker would enable us to move forward our agenda as stated above.