



Faculty Excellence

University Travel Awards Committee

Annual Report 2024 - 2025

Travel Award for Recognition of Faculty Excellence 2024-2025 (Award year April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025)

The November cycle meeting was held on November 25, 2024, this meeting was held virtually via TEAMS and the May 1, 2025, meeting was held virtually via TEAMS (quorum was met for both meetings)

Dr. Jennifer Peck was elected as Committee Chair, and Dr. Sharon Wang was elected as Vice Chair.

The goal of TARFE is to support activities that allow faculty to achieve international prominence in graduate study and research while increasing the national and international recognition of UCF. Being selected to receive this award and being recognized for excellence in the applicant's field brings credit to the department while positioning UCF in national and international scholarly arenas therefore increasing UCF's reach and visibility. Full-time regular faculty (not visiting) may apply for TARFE to reimburse travel and accommodation expenses purchased with Education & General (E&G) funds.

Accomplishments during this period:

- Thirty-One (31) travel awards were disbursed during this award period for a total of \$23,661.13.
 - November 2024 - \$7564.61
 - May 2025 - \$16,096.52
- The breakdown of awards by college are:
 - CAH 17
 - CCIE 2
 - CECS 2
 - CHPS 2
 - CON 4
 - COM 1
 - COS 3
- Seven (7) applications were awarded for international travel.
- Twenty-Four (24) applications were awarded for domestic travel.
- Nine (9) applications were ineligible due to:
 - Faculty members travel was part of the previous cycle (Travel between April 1 – Oct 15 of that current academic year.
 - Department funds that were used were either faculty start up, contracts & grants, or carry forward. The university travel award cannot reimburse these types of funding accounts.