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INTRODUCTION

What a year for the University of South Florida (USF) system and our profound global commitments! We found out in April 2017 that USF was ranked 7th among U.S. public universities in the London Times Higher Education World Survey of "Golden Age Universities" (those founded between 1945 and 1966). There were no other southeastern US institutions ranked. This followed announcements that USF was the third highest producer of Peace Corps graduate volunteers in the United States this past year, and will have four colleges hosting Peace Corps Coverdell graduate scholars in 2017-18. We were delighted to be the recipient of the 2017 Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion in International Education Award. It is a very rare university where the diversity of students studying abroad approximates the student profile of the whole institution. Our indefatigable President, Dr. Judy Genshaft, received the 2016 Michael P. Malone International Leadership Award from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. Then to cap it all, USF was also the highest ranked producer of Fulbright scholars among all public and private universities across the entire United States! This is a remarkable achievement when one considers the other top five universities – The Ohio State University, Penn State University, University of Michigan and the University of Southern California. It was a very satisfying year.

This annual report summarizes the ongoing accomplishments that were the foundation to these important awards. Over a five-year period from the fall of 2011 through the fall of 2016 USF increased our international student enrollment by 267% from 1745 to 4656 students from 145 countries. Our international student success initiatives have resulted in six year graduation rates close to 75%! Over the same time span the university increased the number of students studying abroad by 251% with our faculty lead programs to Florence and London leading the way. The Center for Strategic & Diplomatic Studies founded in 2013 now communicates with over 2,500 people across the United States and beyond. Our Confucius Institute described by the Hanban as “Magnificent” continues to forge community linkages while our Global Discovery Hub database is consistently recognized as a national exemplar. It was our pleasure to continue the new tradition for the second year and recognize Global Achievement Awards for the USF System during International Education Week with President Genshaft in attendance.

The success of the USF World is measured in our accomplishments but our success is a reflection of the deep commitment to globalization across the university and regional communities. It is our collaborative and visionary partners within the USF system, across the Tampa Bay region, and
internationally who generate the kinds of beneficial and innovative partnerships that when combined help this university extend our global impact. To our USF faculty and staff who passionately believe in graduating global citizens and extending our institutional research in search of global solutions, our success is truly your success. To the remarkable international students whose unquenchable thirst to understand their world energizes them to attend our world class university around the world, you strengthen our diversity. To our students from the United States determined to understand their world by enhancing our global campus and extending their understandings through Education Abroad, you are learning a worldview that will empower your careers. Finally, to our university partners from Sarasota to Stockholm, from St. Petersburg to São Paulo, and from Tampa to Tianjin I extend our deep gratitude. It is our partners at home and abroad that help USF reach our global goals and we greatly value your contributions to our efforts. Finally, my thanks to the faculty and staff of USF World for their tireless dedication and personal commitments to this work! This is a team that lives their professional values in their personal global lives.

Together this entire community of practice will continue to capture the vision of the university and working with our partners seek to support academia in an increasingly global world.

My best wishes to you all,

Roger Brindley

Dr. Roger Brindley

USF System Vice President, USF World
Mission Statement

USF World leads the university’s engagement with the world by providing resources that empower the university community to function as global leaders and global stewards.

USF World is committed to:

- Creating opportunities for the global exchange of people and ideas that promote intercultural competence and appreciation.
- Building robust and sustainable partnerships necessary for innovative and cooperative solutions to the global challenges.
- Advocating for academic programs informed by the global context.
- Supporting learning experiences that allow students to integrate successfully into international communities and work environments at home and abroad.
- Incentivizing, recognizing and rewarding faculty who pursue globally focused education, research, and scholarship.
- Contributing to the university's global profile through social media, web-based content, and traditional media outlets; advancing the understanding of USF World, and promoting its image through a branding campaign.
- Hosting international scholars, conferences, and visitors.
- Expanding the financial base for international activities for education, engagement, and research abroad.
- Promoting USF-Tampa Bay partnerships around the world.
GOAL 1 – GLOBAL CURRICULUM AND STUDENT SUCCESS

USF World promotes internationalizing the curriculum, coordinating with each college, the Office of Graduate Studies and the Office of Undergraduate Studies and Research and Innovation at USF. USF World will also support the QEP "Global Citizen" initiative through on-campus global activity (e.g., the Center for Strategic & Diplomatic Studies) and the development of new Education Abroad offerings.

USF World will support colleges around notions of content-based global literacy and globalizing academic student success through traditional and digital delivery, including "Study In" and encouraging conversations focused on embedding global concepts and processes within content. In addition, USF World will enhance the international student population experience and broader student success efforts of the university, extending alternative calendar and summer offerings, continuing support for J-1 scholars who have their own distinct needs, and constructing specific global leadership experiences.

GOAL 2 – ELEVATING THE UNIVERSITY PROFILE AND CAMPUS GLOBAL AWARENESS

USF World will engage in developing efforts to internationalize campus life by bridging the USF System through deliberately planned communication with USF Health, Research & Innovation, Center for Advanced Medical Learning & Simulation (CAMLs), USF Sarasota-Manatee and USF St. Petersburg. USF World will manage existing and new sustainable international partnerships and cultivate an international university presence (alumni, marketing, etc.) while encouraging the continuing development of a global "footprint" in the cultural and economic communities of Tampa Bay.

International Services will design an accessible international student support network liaising with Student Affairs to extend global aspects of campus life for all students while establishing stronger organizational linkages between International Services, International Admissions and INTO USF. The Education Abroad Office (EAO) will utilize the Glo-Bull Ambassadors to assist returning students with re-entry and to increase the awareness of EA opportunities across campus.

In partnership with Advancement, USF World will construct a successful working plan and process for the new International Alumni Officer in 2015-16 and will coordinate to ensure this new colleague becomes well known to the current international student population.

Global awareness is central to the mission of USF. USF World promotes awareness of current and emerging global issues among students, faculty, the broader community and the military. For example, the Confucius Institute (CI) and the Center for Strategic and Diplomatic Studies (CSDS) offer conferences, cultural events and the "Conversation Series on Global Security" to serve this purpose.
and contribute to student success. These events increase the national and international visibility of the university system and strengthen its connection across the local community.

**GOAL 3 – GLOBAL MOBILITY**

USF World seeks to continue rapid growth in the student population participating in a learning experience outside the United States through the EAO while supporting the USF goal of 4,000 international students by 2018. USF World will liaise with key campus stakeholders to create an initiative around student scholarships for travel abroad.

The EAO offers a broad range of transformative experiences while maximizing student safety and security thereby reducing institutional risk while facilitating student, faculty and staff international mobility. New programs and initiatives such as Generation Study Abroad will drive this effort to significantly increase the numbers of students participating in Education Abroad.

International Services is committed to improving the student experience pertaining to visa regulations for international students already enrolled at USF, as well as the quality and frequency of campus events.

The global mobility of our faculty and staff will be supported through the Fulbright initiative, the promotion of sustainable partnership agreements and the commitment of data mining to establish the Global Discovery Hub and a systematic and comprehensive portrait of USF as a globally engaged university. USF World will promote transnational partnerships, notably with the Florence University of the Arts and potentially with the City of Knowledge, USIL and London so USF can offer hubs for knowledge development for U.S. based and international students in key strategic locations.

**GOAL 4 – GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION**

USF World promotes and facilitates global engagement through the management and evaluation of international partnerships, the mapping of USF's global footprint, competitively awarding funds for international travel, and providing a broad spectrum of resources for travel, research, and other globally focused endeavors including the Fulbright and Peace Corps programs.

These efforts include the critical USF Global Discovery Hub and the UCosmic initiative as USF World manages the development and implementation of an interactive, online resource that provides a comprehensive portrait of the university's global engagement. USF World serves as the university focal "space" for advancing global research efforts including collaboration across administrative units and colleges with a focus around common themes.
This year, the Office of International Services (OIS) developed innovative ways to meet the ever-changing needs of international students and scholars by fully maximizing the use of case management software, Sunapsis, to eliminate paper requests, forms, and applications for students, providing them with 24/7 access to requests and more information. **In addition to our record high enrollment of 4,656 international students, the USF System hosted 296 new and continuing J-1 scholars using the Professor, Research Scholar, Short-term Scholar, and Specialist categories.** Our international student success initiatives have resulted in six-year graduation rates close to 75%!

In an effort to introduce international students and scholars to Florida’s unique culture, OIS collaborated with multiple campus and community partners to begin an adventure program series. International students and scholars now have the opportunity to take short day trips where they’re able to meet new friends and develop leadership skills outside of the classroom or lab. This year’s programs included options to explore downtown St. Petersburg, kayak through the bioluminescence at the Canaveral National Seashore, hike the trails at the Weeki Wachee Preserve, snorkel through the crystal clear waters at Wekiwa Springs State Park, and serve families in the Tampa Bay area around the holidays at Metropolitan Ministries.

USF named Avijit Sengupta as the first Kalam Fellow for the 2016-17 academic year. A design researcher from Kolkata, India, Sengupta demonstrated all of the Fellowship qualifications and more. A graduate from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, a public engineering and research institution located in Mumbai, he spent three years working at the Center of Social Media Innovation for Communities at the National University of Singapore.

As part of our effort to create a global campus, International Services has also initiated *Wednesdays with World*. *Wednesdays with World* is an international coffee hour program designed to create a space for cultural exchange between international students, scholars, faculty, staff, and other members of the USF community with an interest in connecting with individuals from around the world. Each month, USF World highlights a different culture and offer coffee, tea, and light refreshments reflective of the regional or cultural theme.
Figure 1. USF International Students Per Academic Level
The Office of International Admissions completed a merger in 2015 bringing together teams from both Office of Admissions and INTO USF to form a shared service for all university international recruitment and marketing. Together with undergraduate and INTO USF evaluation services, International admissions, joined the USF World family in July 2016.

The team physically recruited in more than 50 countries while collecting applications from a total of 145 countries, leading to record enrollments in the INTO USF Center as well as diverse new First Time in College (FTIC) and Transfer student populations. The geographic diversity of international students is the outcome of intentional recruitment efforts around the world. In 2016-17, more than 1,000 new International Graduate students from 70 countries started their
degree programs, including 400+ progressing from INTO USF Graduate Pathway programs.

Digital marketing and recruitment initiatives became a focus during 2016. Partnerships with USF’s Innovative Education, StudyPortals, EdUSA, Uni in the USA, and others have resulted in increased prospect traffic that is being funneled through with new automated marketing resources. Applicant volume is up for 2017. Best practices and tools acquired are being extended to assist with recruitment for Education Abroad programs.

EDUCATION ABROAD

The USF Education Abroad Office (EAO) reports a very successful year in 2015-16, boasting an increase of 14% in the number of USF System students engaging in international credit and non-credit experiences in 56 countries. In addition, EAO supported a large number of individuals in addition to USF students, including: 77 non-degree seeking students from more than 2 dozen US universities; 173 faculty and staff; 1,244 students through our School of Record relationships; and 36 students through our bilateral exchange partnerships, among others.

Of particular note was the significant growth of the USF in London program, which grew from 97 students in 2015 to 176 in 2016. Other program developments included the expansion of the USF Science in Florence program which allows students to complete core chemistry courses (biochemistry, and organic chemistry) combined with culturally rich offerings through our partner, Florence University of the Arts. New programs included USF Paris Dance semester, USF’s first semester-length faculty led program, an embedded Communications Disorders program in Rome, as well as a Tropical Marine Ecosystems program that partnered with Sea|mester in the British Virgin Islands, among many others.

Throughout the year, Education Abroad hosts multiple events targeted toward highlighting diversity among programs offered and student participations (“Diversity Series”). This is a student-led event series that helps shed light on specific barriers that underrepresented student populations face with regard to study abroad. Study abroad is for everyone and these programs aim to address issues head on so students can better understand their opportunities for study abroad and guide them toward an experience of their own.

The Diversity Series includes topics such as “It’s a Man’s World;” “Black & Abroad” with the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Department of Africana Studies, and the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean; “Beyond Just an Amazing Experience: Translating Study Abroad into Workforce Readiness” with USF Career Services; and “Don’t Let Emotional Baggage Weigh You
Down” with the Mental Health Management Office and with the Honors College and College of Behavioral Sciences. The Diversity Series began in 2013, and USF has since seen a 67% increase in the number of African American students participating in study abroad programs.

In March 2017, Diversity Abroad announced the University of South Florida as the recipient of the 2017 Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion in International Education (EDIIE) Institutional Award. The recognition reinforces and invigorates USF’s commitment to a collaborative and holistic approach to diversity in international education. USF students have embraced the Education Abroad Office’s efforts to become more diverse and inclusive abroad, and they continually inspire our work on a daily basis. We are strengthened by diversity as an institution and are proud to partner with the Diversity Abroad Network.

Located on the third floor of the Marshall Student Center, Education Abroad houses a Gateway Office to make it easier for students to stop by with questions, attend information sessions and more. On average per semester, the Gateway Office will see an excess of 1,500 students. The most frequent reasons for a student visit include: GloBull Ambassador inquiries, Global Citizen Project inquiries, scheduled appointments, event info, internships/volunteering abroad, passport/visa, and travel tips and/or budgeting.

A new USF System Policy is in effect to support student-related international travel. USF System International Travel Authority Policy #10-507 now requires that all students and their Associate Travelers must register their international travel with the USF World Education Abroad Office or with USF Health. USF World is designated to facilitate, promote and support all USF System faculty, staff and student international travel. This Policy refers to the registration and related procedures for USF System international student related travel and international business travel. Once registered, students, faculty and staff will be enrolled in USF’s mandatory International Health and Evacuation Coverage offered by UnitedHealthcare Global, a leading industry provider.

Figure 3. USF Students Engaged in Academic International Experience (Unduplicated)
The Center for Strategic & Diplomatic Studies (CSDS) conducts cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research on national security issues and develops programs dealing with diplomacy and strategy. Successes of the year include:

Conferences & Conversations: CSDS hosted 7 conversations with prominent thinkers, and 4 major conferences, dealing with major global issues. Throughout the year, CSDS invited 15 experts to USF with more than 1,200 students, faculty and members of the community who attended the events.

Collaborative Projects: 4 collaborative projects with the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver, with USF Student Government, with the British Consulate in Miami and with USF College of Global Sustainability.

Fundraising Initiatives: CSDS organized its first fundraising event in October 2016. More than 120 people attended the event. Private contributions to the Center’s account at USF Foundation reflect new levels of support.

Student Engagement: CSDS hosted Ms. Firouzeh Khoshnoudiparast from the Australis National University, at no cost to USF. Additionally, CSDS offered 7 internship positions to undergraduate students and supervised their activities. 4 of the interns received credit hours for their internship.

Expansion of the Advisory Board: New members to the CSDS Advisory Board include, Dr. David Stamps, former USF Provost; Mr. Ted Wilhite and Mr. Sam Bell.

Publications: Dr. Mohsen Milani, CSDS Executive Director, was published 5 times in Foreign Affairs (the country’s leading journal on international relations), a detailed research project on Iran in a reconnecting Eurasia published by the prestigious Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington D.C., an article on the CNN website, an article by the Rice University’s Baker Institute, and one by National Iranian-American Council.
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with national and international media outlets.
The USF Confucius Institute (CI) has made significant achievements in 2016, thanks to the support from USF, its partner Qingdao University and the Hanban/CI Headquarters. Priority areas of services were focused on supporting the USF academic programs (including providing two Chinese language instructors), assisting local K-12 schools with Chinese programs (including four Confucius Classrooms), and facilitating cultural exchange or community engagement.

The Confucius Institute has contributed to the USF World efforts in globalizing campus by providing CI Scholarships to USF students, bringing visiting scholars from China, offering non-credit classes, and outreach to K-12 schools and Tampa Bay communities. The CI also partners with USF Health, the USF College of the Arts, and the Department of History to co-sponsor events and programs in order to better integrate into the USF System.

Over the course of the last year, the CI events across USF and the broader community have been attended by more than 7,500 community members.

### Academic Support to USF
- Continued support to the USF Chinese language program with two instructors and peer mentors at the Chinese Cultural Center
- Provided CI Scholarship to 4 students to study in China for one year
- Expanded support to other units by co-sponsoring events and projects with the USF College of the Arts, USF College of Public Health on traditional Chinese medicine, and the Department of History

### Community Engagement
- Co-sponsored cultural events (such as the Chinese New Year celebration) at USF and in the Tampa Bay region, reaching thousands of people
- Offered non-credit classes on Chinese language and culture to USF staff and community members, particularly OLLI members (about 100 in three classes, each 8-12 hours)
- Provided 7 Confucius Institute Lectures to the public with attendance of about 400 people

### K-12 Chinese Programs
- Co-sponsored multiple cultural events with local schools
- Provided Youth Chinese Test to nearly 100 students, a significant increase from last year
- Coordinated the Chinese Bridge Summer Camp to China with 15 students and two chaperones
- Established the 4th Confucius Classroom at Saint Stephens Episcopal School in Bradenton, Fla.
• Co-sponsored the 3rd annual Confucius Institute Day event with Pine School, more than 450 students in attendance
• Enhanced collaboration with the Florida Chinese Teachers Association and Florida Foreign Language Association

Expanding Partnerships
• Enhanced the ongoing collaborative programs at the University of Florida Harn Museum and Saint Petersburg College, and started co-sponsored events at the New College of Florida and Ringling Museum Center for Asian Art
• Partnered with the International Trade Center of Tampa to host the local event of the National China Town Hall organized by the National Committee of US-China Relations

Chinese Culture Week
The USF World Confucius Institute hosted the first Chinese Culture Week in September 2016 including four events attracting more than 1,500 USF students and community members. Innovations include the Confucius Institute lecture and photo exhibition by Dr. Sidney A. McPhee (above), President of Middle Tennessee State University, and “East Meets West” concert.

RESEARCH AND GLOBAL OUTREACH

Global Discovery Hub
USF World is committed to linking faculty, students and staff with resources available across the USF System to promote and support international scholarship and global engagement. Within the USF Global Discovery Hub (GDH) (www.usf.edu/world/resources), members of the USF community may access an array of resources for international research including funding sources, global partnerships, the Fulbright Program, Peace Corps, travel, and links to guidance regarding managing risk and safety, export control practices, proposal development services, and country and city guides.

In addition, the Global Discovery Newsletter provides information about a wide range of opportunities for funding travel, partnership development and research to promote global mobility among faculty across disciplines and areas of expertise. During 2016, USF World initiated the student module on the GDH.
Faculty Fulbright
The University of South Florida (USF) is ranked as the number one producer of Fulbright Scholars in the United States for 2016-2017, according to the U.S. Department of State and Institute of International Education.

With an outstanding 12 faculty members named as scholars, USF doubled its number from last year surpassing other top research institutions, including the Ohio State University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, University of Southern California and more. Faculty who receive the highly competitive, prestigious Fulbright awards travel abroad, bringing their experiences back with them to the United States. These new perspectives are incorporated into their curriculum and research, furthering the development of USF students as global citizens.

2016-17 Fulbright Scholars

Stephen Aikins
Ghana
Public Administration

Norma Alcantar
Germany
Chemical Engineering

Laura Anderson
Colombia
Organic Chemistry

Terry-Rene Brown
European Union
Environmental Biology

Nathan Fisk
United Kingdom
Social Sciences

Babu Joseph
India
Chemical Engineering

Jerry Koehler
Belarus
Management

Dianne Morrison-Beedy
United Kingdom
Nursing Education

Yashwant Pathak
Indonesia
Medicine-Pharmacy

Christina Richards
France
Population Biology

James Stock
Finland
Marketing

Elizabeth Strom
Austria
Urban Development & Planning
Peace Corps

Peace Corps announced that the University of South Florida ranked number 18 among large schools on the agency’s 2017 Top Volunteer-Producing Colleges and Universities list. There are 40 USF undergraduate alumni currently volunteering worldwide. USF also ranked number 3 among graduate schools with 18 graduate alumni currently volunteering worldwide.

Recently, the university was accepted to be a host for the Peace Corps Prep Program for Undergraduate Students. Peace Corps Prep is a certificate program for undergraduates that centers on one empowering question: How can you prepare yourself to be the best Peace Corps Volunteer you can be?

The Peace Corps Coverdell Fellows Program at USF is a prestigious Graduate Fellowship program awarding financial assistance to selected returned Peace Corps volunteers who are pursuing a master's degree. All Coverdell Fellows will complete internships in underserved communities in the Tampa Bay Area, while working under the supervision of faculty.

Peace Corps Festival

Members of the USF community as well as returned Peace Corps volunteers gathered to celebrate recent Peace Corps recognition and share stories from their experiences abroad. The festival was designed to celebrate international service and development. USF President Judy Genshaft opened the event with welcome remarks, followed by greetings from college deans and other campus leadership.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

USF World welcomes academics, administrators, diplomats, and friends from across the globe. These connections provide opportunities for the university community to extend our work as global leaders and global stewards.
In addition, the University System has active collaborative agreements in countries around the globe, laying the foundation for profound and enriching international educational and research experiences for both faculty and students. As of December 2016, there are **239 active international agreements with university partners from more than 50 countries** including Colombia, the United Kingdom, India, Brazil, and more.

Significantly, **31 agreements are Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)**. MOUs exist when there are deeper, more sustainable partnerships than a general agreement and there are opportunities to seek co-PI external funding to develop academic understandings around linked programs, joint and dual degrees, etc. MOUs ensure faculty and/or staff seeking to develop sustainable, multi-faceted partnerships for their departments and colleges receive the full support of the appropriate administration in the USF System.

**Current Memorandums of Understanding:**

*Country*  
*Partner(s)*  
*USF Location*  
*USF College or Unit*

**Brazil**  
Brazil Cultural  
USF Tampa  
USF World, Academic Affairs

**China**  
College of International Education, Minzu University of China  
USF Tampa  
College of Education

**China**  
Xiaolan People's Hospital  
USF Tampa  
USF Health

**Colombia**  
Universidad del Norte  
USF Tampa  
Muma College of Business

**Colombia**  
Universidad del Norte  
USF Tampa  
College of Engineering

**El Salvador**  
Higher Institute of Economics and Business Administration  
USF Tampa  
Muma College of Business

**France**  
IAU College, Aix-en-Provence  
USF Tampa  
USF World, Academic Affairs

**India**  
Manipal University  
USF Tampa  
Muma College of Business

**India**  
Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies  
USF Tampa  
Muma College of Business

**India**  
The National Management School  
USF Tampa  
Muma College of Business

**Italy**  
Palazzi Florence Association for International Education  
USF Tampa  
USF World, Academic Affairs
Jamaica
Shortwood Teachers' College
USF Tampa
College of Education

Kenya
African Insect Science for Food and Health
USF Tampa
USF Health

Malaysia
Manipal International University
USF Tampa
Muma College of Business

Morocco
ENITE - Ecole Supérieure d'Ingénierie
USF Tampa
Muma College of Business

Peru
Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola
USF Tampa
Muma College of Business

Puerto Rico
University of Puerto Rico
Rio Piedras Campus, Graduate School of Information Sciences and Technologies
USF Tampa
College of Arts and Sciences

South Korea
Seoul National University
USF Tampa
USF Health

Spain
Universidad de Oviedo
USF Tampa
College of Arts and Sciences

Taiwan
National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism
USF Sarasota-Manatee College of Hospitality and Tourism Leadership

Turkey
Doga Okullari
USF Tampa
INTO USF

United Kingdom
The Fulbright Commission
USF Tampa
USF World, Academic Affairs

United Kingdom
University of Stirling
USF Tampa
USF Health

United States
Peace Corps
USF Tampa
College of Engineering

US Virgin Islands
University of the Virgin Islands
USF Tampa
College of Engineering

Vietnam
Banking University of Ho Chi Minh City
USF Tampa, Muma College of Business

Vietnam
Broward College - Vietnam International Center
USF Tampa
INTO USF
USF World increases visibility among students, faculty, staff and the local community through a variety of campus events, publications and social media. Highlights of the most popular initiatives include the Global Achievement Awards, International Education Month, Global Day and more.

USF World contributed in 2016 to global event funds across the USF System. To further USF’s strategic goal to encourage international engagement and research, USF World offers funds to support select faculty-directed events. Event funds are primarily dedicated as a faculty resource, however, student organizations may receive funding under exceptional circumstances and with faculty endorsement. Competitive requests demonstrate that the proposed activity is international in focus, research/scholarship related, and addresses at least one of the three goals of USF World: promote a global culture at USF, globalize student success, or deepen global engagement.

**USF World Global Achievement Awards**

The awards recognize the remarkable ongoing work of our faculty, staff, administrators and university organizations as together we raise the global reputation of the USF System. As stated in several of our institutional long-range goals, globalizing the USF System is a priority. Accomplishing this paradigm shift takes the efforts of many individuals and groups across the USF System institutions and recognizing these wonderful achievements is critical to our growth. The 2016 Global Achievement Awards acknowledge outstanding contributions to USF’s mission to ensure student success in a global environment.

**Administrator Award, Outstanding Global Engagement**  
*Dr. Yashwant Pathak*

**Staff Award, Outstanding Global Engagement**  
*Jesse Casanova*

**Program Award, Outstanding Global Engagement**  
*USF Health Nicaragua*

**Group Award, Outstanding Global Research**  
*CMS Optical Oceanography Lab*

**Faculty Award, Outstanding Global Research**  
*Dr. Tiffany Chenneville*
Faculty Award, Outstanding Global Research  
Dr. Kathy Arthur

Faculty Award, Lifetime Achievement  
Dr. Carlos Cano

Faculty Award, Outstanding Global Student Success  
Michael Foley

Faculty Award, Outstanding Global Student Success  
Dr. Alexei Volinsky

Global Day

The inaugural Global Day presented an opportunity for faculty and instructors to develop and improve their teaching skills and research capacity in a global context. Global Day was organized by USF World, the Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence, and the Global Citizens Project. The event featured speakers from the National Science Foundation and the American Council on Education Internationalization Laboratory. Participants chose from a series of interactive breakout sessions where they were able to learn about and contribute to strategies for globalizing course content, student communication across cultures, advancing their international research endeavors, and designing and managing a study abroad experience.

International Education Month

A joint initiative between the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of State, International Education Week is celebrated in more than 100 countries across the globe. The week pays homage to international education and the global opportunities offered across campus.

USF World hosts a full month of events in November to recognize the university’s global connection across departments.