FAMU ranks 2nd for increase in scientific publications

Tallahassee, Fla. — Florida A&M University (FAMU) is ranked second among 200 top U.S. universities in growth of global scientific publishing, according to a new National Science Foundation (NSF) study. The study, which covers more than a decade, found that the overall number of publications by U.S. scientists has remained flat, while the publication rate for emerging Asian nations and the European Union has grown. This study was published in the August 3 issue of Science magazine.

FAMU was one of eight universities recognized for growth in U.S. scientific publications, showing a 116-percent increase since the late 1990s. The full list, in rank order, includes:

1. Drew University of Medicine and Science
2. **Florida A&M University**
3. Clark Atlanta University
4. University of Nevada, Las Vegas
5. University of Montana
6. Colorado School of Mines
7. New Jersey Institute of Tech
8. Georgia Institute of Technology

“FAMU is fulfilling the goal of becoming a research-intensive institution,” said Keith Jackson, Ph.D., professor of physics and vice president for research. “We are recruiting more research faculty and establishing more graduate programs. An increase in scholarly and scientific publications is a natural consequence of this activity.”

Across various disciplines, faculty at FAMU are engaged in cutting-edge research activities that are leading to advances in physical, chemical, biological and social sciences, the quality of health care, the food and agriculture industry, environmental health and safety, bioengineering and other areas.

“Our research does not end in the laboratories,” said Henry Lewis III, PharmD., dean and professor in the FAMU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. “It is much more meaningful when we are able to share our methods and findings with the scientific community.”

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