



Congratulations

James Jawitz, Ph. D.
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2014 UF Water Institute Faculty Fellow



The UF Water Institute Faculty Fellow Award program recognizes UF faculty who are making outstanding contributions to interdisciplinary water research, extension, or education programs as well as substantial contributions to the goals of the UF Water Institute.

Dr. Jawitz has been a key researcher in several UF Water Institute projects. "All of my work is related to water resources. The Water Institute is the embodiment of the commitment of not just one or even a few water researchers, but rather the whole UF community," Jawitz wrote in an email interview.

Dr. Jawitz studies sustainable water resource management. His research focuses on the conflict between the expanding demand for freshwater resources to provide drinking water for the growing population and irrigation water for agriculture, and simultaneous pressures to prevent pollution and leave enough water for natural ecosystem functions. His work emphasizes ways to minimize human impacts on natural hydrological systems.

Dr. Jawitz teaches courses in Contaminant Subsurface Hydrology, Water Resource Sustainability, and Florida Lake Management, and currently serves as the major advisor of 5 graduate students. Here's what students have to say about Dr. Jawitz:



"He always tries to understand students and think from a student's point of view. As busy as he is, he schedules regular meetings with me to talk about research and give me suggestions. He is concerned with not only our current research/study but also our future development. Three words to describe Dr. Jawitz are patient, inspiring, and sharing."
-Graduate Student



"Jawitz has a clear view of his role as a mentor; his goal is to train scientists... he will do his best in helping you to achieve your professional goals while also help you improve weaknesses. I value that he will see you as a colleague and will try to develop a symbiotic relationship, where both parts learn from each other. From interacting with other students I know that he doesn't have a one size fits all approach for students, he will do his best in helping you improve specific deficiencies and get the most out of your virtues. In my case clear communication and a lot of attention to details has helped me into becoming a better scientist apprentice."
-Graduate Student

"For me, Jim is my role model as not only a teacher but also a researcher."
-Graduate Student



"In my opinion, the best word to describe Dr. Jawitz is 'deliberate.' His advice is prudent, his instruction is thoughtful and his time is designed with purpose. Dr. Jawitz is a confident guide, possessing a strong foundation and a willingness to adapt that inspires both trust and fortitude among his students."
-Graduate Student