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Belcher Receives Grant to Assist with International Collaboration

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Keith Belcher, Ph.D., professor and program coordinator of the Medical Laboratory Science program in the Department of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences, was awarded the Laboratory Science Program Director Educational Grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Foundation to assist with international collaboration among Georgia Southern University, the Biomedical Sciences program at Linnaeus University, Vaxjo, Sweden and the Medical Laboratory Sciences program at the University of South Bohemia, Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic. The purpose of the grant is to provide funds in an effort to support enrichment and travel expenses within the Medical Laboratory Science program.

"Recognizing a need for international collaboration regarding curriculum and clinical practice, the grant will provide funds for faculty travel allowing for the sharing of knowledge to develop an educational curriculum for medical laboratory science programs," stated Belcher. "The interaction between the three universities will provide an opportunity to assimilate and implement best practices utilizing a global perspective."

To be eligible for a grant, programs have to be accredited by NAACLS, ABHES or CAAHEP.

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