



Industrial Engineering Doctoral Student Receives USF Dissertation Fellowship

Tampa, Fla. (July 14, 2010) – Yang Tan, a doctoral student in the Department of Industrial and Management Systems Engineering, is the recipient of an inaugural USF Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship. The Dissertation Completion Fellowship is intended to provide doctoral students one year of funding to focus their full-time efforts on the completion and writing of the dissertation. Recipients receive a \$15,000 fellowship for one year.

Tan's proposal "Optimal Discrete-in-Time Inventory Control of a Single Deteriorating Product with Partial Backlogging" was one of only four dissertations selected for support by the USF Graduate School. Michael Weng, associate professor in the Department of Industrial and Management Systems Engineering, is Tan's major professor.

The University of South Florida is one of the nation's top 63 public research universities and one of only 25 public research universities nationwide with very high research activity that is designated as community engaged by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. USF was awarded \$380.4 million in research contracts and grants in FY 2008/2009. The university offers 232 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialist and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. The USF System has a \$1.8 billion annual budget, an annual economic impact of \$3.2 billion, and serves more than 47,000 students on institutions/campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland. USF is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference.

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