Dear Students,

Creating a web presence and maintaining it is becoming an increasingly important part of graduate student professional development. We would like to highlight your accomplishments and provide a portal to your professional webpages by sharing vignettes about your research and your life as a graduate student on the CMS website. To do that, we ask that you do the following:

1. Provide a research photo of you in the lab or in the field that you would like to be displayed on the website.
2. Write (not more than 250 words) what your research is, in broad terms.
3. Write (not more than 250 words) why doing your research here in Saint Petersburg has been rewarding. Basically, why did you choose USF-CMS?

Your target audience should be other students looking to join a marine program or a graduate program. We will cycle through your vignettes randomly when the CMS front page is loaded, and clicking on them will bring your answers to 2 and 3 above, as well as links to your professional page. In addition to aiding in your professional development, this will also serve the College as a valuable recruiting tool. Focus on student research will make future students more inclined to join you.

Please return these three items to Jay Novitzke ([jaynovitzke@usf.edu](mailto:jaynovitzke@usf.edu)).