

BSC Professor Receives Research Grant from NASA WV EPSCoR Program

Dr. Tesfaye Belay, Professor of Biology at Bluefield State College, has been selected to receive a \$10,000 research grant from the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium for the academic year of 2015-2016. This research work will involve the participation of undergraduate students and will be performed in Dr. Belay's lab at BSC.

"The continuous funding from the NASA WV EPSCoR will augment the depth and breadth of NASA research work initiated at the College," Dr. Belay noted.

"Through previous and current grant awards from the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium, several underrepresented undergraduate students have been trained in biomedical research related to NASA."

Dr. Belay is a recipient of the Thurgood Marshall "Outstanding Leadership in Faculty Research Award" and his proposals have received funding from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. He has also received grants from West Virginia Idea Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (WV-INBRE) and a mini-grant from WVEPSCoR. "Through the funding, BSC established a biomedical research laboratory, and the College is now a participant in a statewide higher education research network" Dr. Belay said.

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