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Travel award recognizes importance of Guam undergraduate's curriculum project

Cassandra-Jay Flores-Hughes, an undergraduate GIS research assistant at the University of Guam, a PI-CSC Consortium member, has received a generous travel award from the Research Corporation of the University of Guam to attend the 30th Pacific Educational Conference (PEC) in Palau in July. She is attending the meeting to present her PI-CSC-funded project proposal for creating climate science lesson plans specifically aligned with the Common Core Standards for teachers on Guam.

"My research strives to unearth educational resources for individuals who seek knowledge on climate science which is culturally relevant to Guam," Flores-Hughes states.

While her primary drive is to supply needed resources to classroom teachers, Flores-Hughes hopes to help any people looking for information about climate science with a focus on the Pacific Region.

The Pacific Educational Conference is a prime opportunity for Flores-Hughes to network and make contact with those who are her expanded target audience. The PEC is one of the largest educational conferences in the western Pacific, acting as an important professional development opportunity for Pacific Islands educators.

Flores-Hughes may still be just an undergraduate student herself, but she is making important strides in educating the next generation about the climactic changes that will be shaping their communities for years to come.

