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UCF Office of Technology Transfer Executive Receives Prestigious AUTM Award

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ORLANDO, February 29, 2024 – [John Miner](#), UCF’s Assistant Director in the Office of Technology Transfer, has earned the 2024 Chair’s Award from [AUTM](#) in recognition of his contribution to the AUTM Licensing Survey and the AUTM Salary Survey.

The honor was presented to Miner during the 2024 AUTM Annual Conference held on Feb. 18-21 in San Diego and is awarded to one member in recognition of the recipient’s outstanding and lasting contributions to AUTM.

Metrics tracking, surveying, and studying other measurables are an integral part of Miner’s work at UCF. His application of those skills with the AUTM surveys and metrics committees helped earn him the non-profit’s recognition.

“I have become the ‘go-to’ person when it comes to metrics questions both for licensing and for salaries in tech transfer,” Miner says. He routinely works with institutions across North America and internationally to address trends in the data as well as garnering input from stakeholders on how to modify and improve future surveys and reports.

Miner has received several volunteer awards for his previous work chairing different survey committees for AUTM. However the Chair’s award is considered the most prestigious award presented. It was truly wonderful to receive such high honors this year, he explains.



“This is a pretty big award for me,” Miner says. “I feel that this has reflected well on UCF and our tech transfer office.”

Miner has worked with UCF’s Office of Technology Transfer in some capacity for nearly 25 years. His current position as Assistant Director reflects his passion and continued growth since joining the team in 1999.

“I have had a lifelong love of higher education starting from when my mom would take me with her to classes at the University of Maine when I was like 6 years old, and that carried through to my time at UCF,” Miner says.

AUTM, formerly known as the Association of Technology Managers, is a non-profit organization that is comprised of members within the technology transfer and research industry to support the development of academic research.

There are more than 3,000 members from about 800 universities, research centers, hospitals, businesses, and government organizations worldwide. Forging connections with these other institutions of learning both near and far is one of the best parts of his job, Miner says.

“The work I do with AUTM has given me exposure to and allowed me to work with almost every university in North America as well as some in UK, Europe and Australia,” he says. “I love working at UCF and helping the faculty.”

John Miner is an Assistant Director in the Office of Technology Transfer at the University of Central Florida. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Organization Communications, minoring in Space Studies, and a Master of Science in Research Administration from UCF.