

## Research

Along with teaching and public service, the creation and dissemination of new knowledge and artistic works is one of the three basic functions of a major university. Central Michigan University is ranked 10th most productive research university in the nation among those with 15 or fewer doctoral programs.

At the College of Science and Technology, we see our research obligation as a way to enhance the quality of the education we provide our students. CST recognizes the importance of the resources to which we have access to at the state and federal levels, our ability to attract faculty and graduate students, and a national reputation. Our faculty members are strongly encouraged to both supervise student research projects and also to involve students in their own research and creative activities - undergraduates as well as graduate students.

CST strives to be a state and regional leader in building strong research teams with industrial partners. Technology development comes in all shapes and sizes with numerous partners ranging from the budding entrepreneurial company to the Dow Chemical Company.

## Faculty wins research award

### President's Award



**Valeri Petkov**, professor of physics, received the President's Award, CMU's most prestigious research award recognizing the career achievements of senior faculty members.

Petkov is a leading international expert in the emerging field of nanocrystallography. His findings have laid the groundwork for a new discipline in physics.

Physics professor Valeri Petkov (left) accepts the President's Award from CMU President Michael Rao (right) on March 19, 2008.

## Current visiting professors

**Haeng-Kon Kim** (Computer Science)

▶ Catholic University of Daegu, Korea

**Yiping Cao** (Computer Science)

▶ China University of Political Science and Law, China

**Zhao Huiqun** (Computer Science)

Chair of Computer Science

▶ North China University of Technology

**Yi Liu** (Geography)

GIS Specialist

▶ National Laboratory of Surveying and Mapping, China