



Mohamed Kabbaj

Scholarly development

His research is helping to explain the root causes of anxiety, depression and drug dependence, lighting the way for the development of more effective treatment methods. That's only part of why College of Medicine faculty member Mohamed Kabbaj recently received a 2011 Developing Scholar Award from Florida State University.

Kabbaj, an associate professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences, is one of six FSU faculty members chosen for the award in 2011.

"Mohamed is what you'd call the total package," said Myra Hurt, senior associate dean for research and graduate programs. "It's not just his groundbreaking research or the individual grants he has won within his area of focus. He also collaborates with other scientists on campus through the neuroscience program, he leads our graduate teaching program and he is committed to service. Few excel in all areas the way he does."

Most recently, Kabbaj's research has made headlines for producing evidence that higher levels of testosterone could explain why men are less afflicted by anxiety than women. For the millions of people worldwide who suffer from anxiety disorders, Kabbaj's work offers hope that better help is on the way.