Pioneering Hispanic Researchers

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we are spotlighting UCF faculty members who are conducting research and contributing scholarly work to the UCF and broader community.

Humberto Campins is a planetary scientist at the Florida Space Institute (FSI) and Physics professor within UCF College of Sciences who has investigated asteroids for over 30 years. “I fell in love with the stars when I was a child in Venezuela,” Campins says. “I would lie on my back and watch the night sky for hours. That and reading the Little Prince led me to science.” Campins is currently a member of NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration's OSIRIS-REx mission. This mission is a first-of-its-kind for Americans and aims to recover samples of a Near Earth Asteroid. It could provide scientists with knowledge about the solar system’s evolution and earth’s unique qualities for sustaining life.