



Julio López-Ferrao

IN MEMORIUM



250+

NSF-FUNDED PROJECTS

1996 – 2019

ITEST

DRK-12

STEM+C

INCLUDES

CAREER

Julio López-Ferrao



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“Julio was an outstanding program officer and a wonderful man. He had the rare combination of a being an individual with exacting standards and exceptional kindness.”

*–James Lester, Principal Investigator
North Carolina State University*

“As an early career researcher sitting on panels with senior, and much more accomplished individuals in the field, his consistent efforts to make panels equitable were immensely valued.”

*–Ravit Duncan, Principal Investigator
Rutgers University”*

“I dreamed of starting a program in which learning about community-based engineering could make a difference for the trajectories of our pre-service elementary teachers, who were preparing for careers in high-needs urban schools. Because of the grant that Julio supported, dozens of early-career Boston-area elementary teachers were able to learn how to empower young students to become engineering problem-solvers.”

*–Kristen Bethke Wendell, Principal Investigator
Tufts University*

“As a hijab (headscarf) wearing Muslim American woman who looks different from others, being seen as a competent researcher and scientist is not always easy. Julio is one of those rare individuals that saw past the surface to the core of a person’s capability while simultaneously being humble about the role he played in their success.”

*–Zahra Hazari, Principal Investigator
Florida International University*

“Dr. López-Ferrao was passionate about education, especially for children and adults who had been denied access and opportunity to learning STEM. He leaves a lasting legacy that will impact generations to come.”

— National Academies Committee on Supporting English Learners in STEM Subjects

