



**Dr. Patchara Pongam**

2012-2015 Banack Family Partnership Endowed Teaching Chair in Agriculture

**Dr. Patchara Pongam**, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences Department, created “Learning in Real-time”, a program support for the baccalaureate students’ research/internship in the Department of Biological Sciences. Agriculture is one of the foundations of Florida’s economy, with biotechnology increasingly important to agriculture, the strength and the uniqueness of this program prepares students with the biological foundation, knowledge, and skills to meet the demanding requirements of the biotechnology workforce on the Research Coast through hands-on experience and planned experiments.

Pongam joined IRSC in 2004 and received her Bachelor’s Degree from Kasetsart University, her Master’s and Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin.