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A faculty member at Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf has been awarded a \$150,000 National Science Foundation grant that will help produce typed classroom notes from a laptop computer as well as handwritten information, such as graphics.

Michael Stinson, professor in the Department of Research and Teacher Education, received the 18-month Course Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement grant which will help students better understand classroom lectures. It will also help evaluate the effect of typed C-Print notes and graphical representations of class lectures produced by a captionist in the classroom.

Students to benefit from this technology include those who are deaf and hard of hearing, those who may have difficulty comprehending spoken English, those learning English and those with a learning disability.

This grant is the third awarded to RIT/NTID involving C-Print this year. One also deals with laptop technology that produces text and graphics. The other involves real-time speech-to-text services, using handheld devices that allow deaf and hard-of-hearing students to view what a teacher is saying as text on the device when outside a traditional classroom.

"These important projects aren't only utilizing the latest technology, they're enabling deaf and hard-of-hearing students to receive the same education as their hearing peers," said Alan Hurwitz, CEO for NTID and VP/Dean of RIT for NTID. "I'm delighted that RIT/NTID can have a role in such cutting-edge education."

Rochester Institute of Technology is internationally recognized as a leader in computing, engineering, imaging technology, fine and applied arts, and for providing unparalleled support services for students with hearing loss. RIT is home to the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, where more than 1,100 students with hearing loss from around the world study, live, and socialize with 14,400 hearing students on RIT's Rochester, N.Y., campus. U.S. News and World Report has consistently ranked RIT among the nation's leading comprehensive universities.

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