The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs works to enable our research community through support and development to achieve research goals through external funding.

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Center for Biomedical and Behavioral Research Rises with $5 Million Grant

The TSU Division of Research and Sponsored Programs is thrilled to announce funding awarded for the establishment of the Center for Biomedical and Behavioral Research, fueled by a generous $5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This award, spearheaded by Associate Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs Dr. Quincy Quick, with Dr. Andrea Tyler and Dr. Catherine Armwood-Gordon serving as co-directors, marks a significant step towards obtaining the R1 Carnegie-ACE designation for TSU.

The Center's goal is to empower research faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and doctoral students through targeted funding for biomedical and behavioral research projects. This vital support will not only advance crucial scientific inquiries but also cultivate a thriving environment for interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation, create opportunities for mentorship and training, and fuel a vibrant research culture. This comprehensive approach positions us to attract and retain top-tier talent, propelling us toward the coveted R1 status.

Join us in celebrating this incredible milestone and the promising future it holds for research at our University!

Dr. Quincy Quick
Associate Vice President & Chief Research Officer for Research and Sponsored Programs

Dr. Andrea L. Tyler
Executive Director of Title III & Director of Graduate Student Services

Dr. Catherine K. Armwood-Gordon
Associate Dean & Associate Professor of Civil and Architectural Engineering

Financial Support Available for Journal Publications

For a limited time, the Division of Research and Sponsored Programs is extending support and financial assistance for journal publication expenses to Research Faculty and Staff.

Applicants may receive up to $2000, contingent upon the submission’s acceptance by a peer-reviewed journal. Requests for assistance will be reviewed by RSP on an individual basis before final approval.

If you have an accepted submission, send us your request, the Letter of Acceptance from the journal, and the invoice to research@tnstate.edu.

If you have any questions, contact Reginald Cannon at rcannon@tnstate.edu.

Find Your Funding at spin.infoedglobal.com

TSU has access to SPIN from InfoEd Global. SPIN is a database of federal, foundation, and corporate funding opportunities that are easy to search and bookmark. Contact Reginald Cannon at rcannon@tnstate.edu to request access.

Check out RSP’s Quick Links for Funding Opportunities on the TSU Research and Sponsored Programs website.
FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Wendelyn Inman
Director of the Maternal Health Disparities Research Center at TSU and Interim Public Health Program Director for the TSU Department of Public Health, Health Administration & Health Sciences

In addition to serving as the Interim Director of the Public Health Program, Dr. Wendelyn Inman is the Director of the new Maternal Health Disparities Research Center (MHDRC) housed at Tennessee State University. The Center will be funded by a $483,400 award from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. The overarching goal of the Center is to determine the relationship between obesity and poor maternal health outcomes for African American women of childbearing age.

Other goals and objectives include demonstrating increased maternal health disparity research capacity, an increase in quality publications of significant maternal health research by an inclusive research base, and the dissemination and translation of research findings into practices that contribute to improving maternal health outcomes for African American women.

The MHDRC will utilize Community-based Participatory Research (CBPR) in the maternal health disparities research. By centering the focus on the experiences and needs of African American communities, CBPR can help achieve more equitable and effective interventions to improve maternal health outcomes.

Gregory Robinson
Assistant Vice President and Chief of Police for the Tennessee State University Police Department

Congratulations to the Tennessee State University Police Department for securing an $830,000 Tennessee Higher Education Safety Grant awarded by the State of Tennessee. Through the efforts of Assistant Vice President and Police Chief Gregory Robinson, along with Commander Thomas Jackson and Latonya Bell-Fitts, a proposal was submitted on behalf of TSU for the grant this fiscal year.

Chief Robinson, formerly a member of the command staff of Vanderbilt University PD and a former member of the Metro Nashville Police Department where he served for 24 years, has served TSU in this role for eight years. According to Chief Robinson, “the grant will afford the department opportunities to enhance our software technology, improve our infrastructure, secure our working environment, and provide new and advanced equipment for the men and women committed to providing the safest learning environment for our students, faculty, and staff.”

For more information about the TSU Police Department, visit www.tnstate.edu/police.

Thomas Jackson
is Commander of the TSU Patrol Division.

Latonya Bell-Fitts, Office Manager, recently transferred to the Department in October 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

46th Annual University-wide Research Symposium
March 25-29, 2024
Tennessee State University
https://www.tnstate.edu/researchsymposium/

Research Faculty and Staff, there is still time to submit Student Abstracts for the 46th Annual Tennessee State University-wide Research Symposium. The deadline to submit abstracts is January 31, 2024.

Please encourage your students to participate!

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