Texas State University:
A Leader In Research & Innovation Focused On Solving Real-World Problems
If you could design the perfect comprehensive research university to educate the next generation workforce and solve real-world problems through cutting-edge science, what would it look like?
Texas State University

- Approximately 38,000 students; 34 largest university in the U.S.
- Approximately 54.9% of our students identify as ethnic minorities
- Ranks 14th in the nation for bachelor’s degrees awarded to Hispanic students
- A Federally Designated Hispanic Serving Institution

Degree Programs
- 99 bachelor’s
- 93 master’s
- 14 doctoral (newest: PhD in Applied Computer Science)

- Ranked in the top 50 schools in the nation (top 5 in Texas) in R&D expenditures in the Humanities
- Ranked in the top quartile nationally in total R&D expenditures
- A Carnegie designated Research University (R2)
- 80% of R&D funding from federal sponsors
- World-class faculty
Research & Innovation with Relevance

- Material Sciences
- Engineering
- Criminal Justice/Public Safety
- Water and the Environment
- Wildlife Management
- Education Research
- Computer Sciences
- Archeology & Anthropology
- Translational Health Sciences
- Creative Expression
Solutions and Problems Innovation

Basic research produces "solutions" in search of problems.

Applied research is directional in search of a solution to a specific problem.

Translational Research - transferring knowledge into practice.
“The future is very difficult to predict… it easier to create it yourself”

Applied Research
Application of artificial intelligence and machine learning

“Blue-collar scientists”

Research with Relevance
Partnership with Jacobs Engineering and NASA

Research with relevance not only solves real-world problems but also provides our students with the skills needed for the modern workforce

The research and innovation mission at Texas State spans across the humanities, social sciences, performing arts, liberal arts, and STEM disciplines
Oleg Komogortsev, Ph.D.
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Research interests: cybersecurity (biometrics), human computer interaction, eye tracking, bioengineering.

Google Faculty Research Award 2018 (Augmented and Virtual Reality)

Sponsored Research Agreement with Facebook

Presidential Award for Scholarly and Creative Activities 2019
Dr. Kathy Martinez-Prather  
Director Texas School Safety Center

Mission

The Texas School Safety Center serves schools and communities to create safe, secure, and healthy environments.

University Research Centers

- Texas School Safety Center
- Materials Application Research Center
- Freeman Center
- Xiphophorus Genetic Stock Center
- Meadows Center for Water and the Environment
- Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Translational Health Research Center
Dr. Shetay Ashford

College of Applied Arts
Department of Occupational, Workforce, and Leadership Studies

Diversifying the STEM Workforce

Awarded an NSF CAREER Award

Research agenda focuses on broadening the participation of historically underrepresented minorities and women of color in the STEM workforce

Approaches:
Community economic development Program design and evaluation Intrapreneurship and entrepreneurship, Cyberlearning.
Technology Transfer

- A process that moves knowledge from the lab to the market

- A process that converts scientific and technological findings into marketable goods or services

- Assignment of intellectual property generated in one place to another place through defined processes
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Universities
Hospitals/Medical Centers
Government Agencies  Companies

Not-for-profit  For-profit
Technology Transfer

- Protection of Intellectual Property
- Licensing (handing off the baton)

Universities are not in the best position to monetize research findings...that is where the private sector comes in:

Collaboration
Partnerships
Win-Win
Public good
In FY20 in the midst of a global pandemic, with the laboratories and field sites closed for 2 months, Texas State University set a record for total R&D expenditures at $70.6M and a record of 670 grant submissions requesting over $211M.
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We are here to support you!