



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: November 16, 2023

TO: Faculty and Staff

FROM: Lawrence Schovanec, President

RE: Allocation of TUF Resources

With the passage of the state constitutional amendment that created the Texas University Fund (TUF), we will finalize planning on how we will use these resources to expand the research enterprise at Texas Tech. As prescribed by state guidelines, the use of the TUF is limited to:

- Providing faculty support and paying faculty salaries
- Purchasing equipment or library materials
- Supporting students, including undergraduates, engaged in research
- Increasing technology transfer, commercialization and patent development
- Increasing the number of research doctoral graduates

The expectations from legislators and Texans who supported the TUF are that Texas Tech will achieve research and scholarly accomplishments that compare favorably to the member institutions of the Association of American Universities (AAU). Our investment of these new funds must support the attainment of key factors that are characteristic of AAU membership, including:

- Externally funded and foundational support for research, emphasizing competitive federal research awards
- Faculty prestigious awards, fellowships & memberships
- Citations of scholarly work
- Publication of scholarly books
- Doctoral programs and doctorates awarded
- Postdoctoral associates

We will demonstrate progress in these metrics as we grow research and scholarly activity across the institution. We expect additional growth in key areas of strength, including energy, agriculture, climate and national security, and we will be funding new research activities such as One Health.

The Offices of the Provost, Vice President of Research and Chief Financial Officer will lead the conversations and implementation for future use of these funds as we evaluate and prioritize our investments in faculty, students and supporting infrastructure and services. We will be soliciting additional input through a variety of means, seeking broad feedback from faculty through Deans, Chairs and the Faculty Senate.

We will also be scheduling two town halls in the coming months to get input and provide more detail as to the guidelines for the use of the TUF and long-term plans to move toward AAU status.



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