

Office of the Vice Provost for Research

www.baylor.edu/research/vpr/

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research assists faculty members from all academic units in identifying, obtaining and managing the funding needed to support their research and scholarship. Internal 'seed' funding, matching grant proposal funding, searchable online funding databases, grant writing seminars, proposal support and travel awards to national funding agencies are only a few of the services provided to the faculty by the Office of the VPR.

The Vice Provost for Research also acts as Baylor's representative in pursuing partnerships and collaborative agreements with entities outside the university. Our office negotiates sponsored research agreements on behalf of faculty and pursues technology transfer and licensing opportunities with industry. We welcome the opportunity to discuss collaborative research and scholarship pursuits that advance the academic mission of Baylor University.

Office of Sponsored Programs and Contracts

www.baylor.edu/research/osp/

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) supports Baylor University faculty in the acquisition, performance and administration of projects and programs funded from sources outside the University. The OSP is the central point of coordination for sponsored projects and the University's representative for grants, contracts and other agreements from government agencies and private industry. Please check the OSP website for a more detailed description of services and staff contact information.

Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer

www.baylor.edu/research/ttip/

The Office of the VPR, assisted by the Committee on Intellectual Property, Technology and Commercialization, provides support throughout the process of identifying and disclosing innovative discoveries, securing patents or other appropriate legal protections, and negotiating licensing agreements with industry. Inventions and technologies that result from time-consuming research efforts by faculty, staff and students are valuable assets that can benefit society, stimulate economic growth, and generate funds to support additional research at the university. Protecting and commercializing innovative discoveries requires legal and business expertise in addition to faculty expertise in specific areas of research and scholarly activity. The Office of the VPR coordinates the roles of all participants in the technology transfer process.

Information on the Office of the VPR website includes a non-technical overview of patent law (*Patent Law Basics for University Researchers*) and a description of procedures to ensure protection of inventions prior to their disclosure in publications or other forms of communication (*Inventions and Technology Transfer*). An Invention Disclosure Form is available to use in reporting inventions. Please check the Office of the VPR website for these documents and for additional information.

University Research Compliance

www.baylor.edu/research/compliance/

The Office of the VPR, in consultation with the following committees, offices and departments, monitors all university research activity to ensure that it is conducted in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations and guidelines.

Committee for Protection of Human Subjects in Research / Institutional Research Board (IRB) - www.baylor.edu/research/compliance/irb/

The IRB is responsible for reviewing and monitoring all university research involving human subjects, and for ensuring the protection of participants in classroom and laboratory activities at or connected with Baylor University.

Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) - www.baylor.edu/research/compliance/ibc/

The IBC is responsible for reviewing and monitoring all university research that involves recombinant DNA, infectious agents, and other biohazards, and ensuring that all regulatory requirements are met by the University.

Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) - www.baylor.edu/research/compliance/acuc/

The ACUC is responsible for ensuring the proper care, use and humane treatment of animals used in research and education, and that animal experiments are conducted in accordance with the highest scientific, humane and ethical principles.

Office of Internal Audit and Management Analysis - www.baylor.edu/ia/

The Office of Internal Audit and Management Analysis promotes integrity and compliance in all university operations. Responsibilities of this office include reviewing and appraising the soundness, adequacy, and application of accounting, administrative and other operating controls, and promoting effective control at reasonable cost.

Department of Risk Management - www.baylor.edu/risk_management/

The Department of Risk Management provides a comprehensive risk management program that contributes to the health, safety and protection of employees, students and visitors, while also protecting the university's physical and financial resources. Research activities that involve hazardous materials, radioactive materials or exposure of personnel and/or subjects to radioactivity of any kind, including x-rays, require the prior approval of the department.

INTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

www.baylor.edu/research/vpr/ifo

The Office of the VPR offers financial support through the following programs to promote research and scholarly efforts of Baylor faculty across all academic divisions and academic rank. Please check the Office of the VPR website for guidelines and application forms.

Faculty Research Investment Program

Faculty Research Investment Program grants stimulate research and creative activities and enhance the ability of faculty to compete for external research funds by providing seed money to establish or re-direct research programs that may result in external funding.

Young Investigator Development Program

Young Investigator Development Program grants stimulate research and creative activities and enhance the ability of faculty within their first four year of appointment to compete for external research funds.

Arts And Humanities Faculty Development Program

Arts and Humanities Faculty Development grants stimulate research, scholarship and creative activities in the arts, fine arts humanities and education.

University Research Committee

The University Research Committee distributes funds for the support and development of scholarly research projects and programs to promote and encourage faculty research and external funding.

Faculty Travel Assistance Grants Program

Travel assistance grants provide tenure/tenure-track faculty and funded principle investigators with matching funds to help defray the cost of travel to promote or support the development of new or expanded research programs at Baylor. Proposals requesting travel funds for discussing pending proposals with specific funding agencies will be given preference.

University Postdoctoral Program

The University Postdoctoral Program supports 12- to 24- month postdoctoral research fellowships for Ph.D. granting departments. Fellowships are funded by the University for an initial period of one year and have minimal teaching responsibilities.

Conference Support Program

The Conference Support Program provides logistical, administrative, and website support to encourage the pursuit of regional, national or international conferences on campus. In rare cases, seed money is also available for outstanding conference opportunities.

EXTERNAL FUNDING DATABASES

www.baylor.edu/research/vpr/efd

The Office of the VPR website provides databases and other resources for locating research and scholarship funding opportunities. Please check the Office of the VPR website for an expanded list of online resources.

Community of Science (COS) - www.cos.com

COS provides Baylor with the largest single source for grant and fellowship opportunities on the web. Faculty who register with COS can design personalized electronic funding alert accounts. COS also provides the Baylor Expertise database, which serves as a local, national, and international resource for identifying and sharing faculty expertise across all academic disciplines.

Illinois Research Information Service (IRIS) - www.library.uiuc.edu/iris/

IRIS also provides Baylor with web-based funding and research services, including the IRIS Database of federal and private funding opportunities in all disciplines, the IRIS Alert Service, and the IRIS Expertise Service.

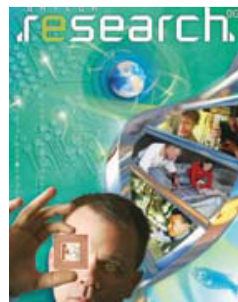
VICE PROVOST FOR RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES

www.baylor.edu/research/vpr/colloquium

The VPR Colloquium brings major national and international speakers to campus. The Vice Provost for Research provides (in most cases) travel funding and an honorarium. Requests for colloquium funding may be submitted at any time. Please contact the Office of the VPR website for additional information.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

www.baylor.edu/research/magazine



Baylor Research is the annual magazine of the Office of the VPR, highlighting research and scholarly pursuits of Baylor University faculty. *Baylor Research '06* breaks new ground by exploring the connection between faculty research and local and regional economic development, a subject increasingly on the minds of university faculty and administrators around the world. Please check the Office of the VPR website to view current and past issues of the magazine.