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Office for Research & Graduate Studies
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What We Do to Make PVAMU Unique and Special - Research

The Office of Research & Graduate Studies is committed to excellence in teaching, research and service.

Our Research Mission is to:

- Provide proactive executive leadership for the identification and acquisition of resources (human, financial, technical) and the comprehensive administrative oversight for research activities campus-wide.

- Identify and guide prioritization of research, sponsored program and research development activities that supports the teaching/learning, research/discovery, and service/engagement components of the University.
What We Do to Make PVAMU Unique and Special - Graduate Studies

Our Graduate Studies’ **Mission** is to:

- Provide **administrative coordination** for graduate studies through **joint supervision** of graduate program planning, delivery, and evaluation within a rigorous, intellectually challenging, and stimulating environment.

- Provide the **infrastructure for advanced education** through the master’s degree in multiple disciplinary fields within an academic unit and through the doctoral level in selected critical fields of study.
The Innovative and Strategic Initiatives that You the Administrators Should Know

- Completed Draft of our Graduate Studies Handbook.
- Initiated **streamlining of the graduate admission** process through utilization of Banner Document Management Suite (BDMS) and movement to a paperless automated system.
- Established and **expanded competitive graduate scholarships/assistantships/fellowships**.
- Guided and **supported collaborative research** studies and professional presentations among masters/doctoral students and graduate faculty.
- Finalized Planning for our Research Resources Lab.
The Innovative and Strategic Initiatives that Administrators Should Know Contd.

- Completed a 5-year Strategic Plan for an Innovation, Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Program (ICEP) at PVAMU.
- Working with Architects and University Administrators in the development of a PVAMU Innovation, Commercialization and Entrepreneurship Program (ICEP) Infrastructure.
- Responded to the Request for proposals for the TAMUS Chancellor’s Research Initiative Program Fund of approximately $150M.
  - Awarded four proposals for about $30M.
  - Pending award for one proposal for over $5M.
  - Currently working with more faculty researchers to submit more CRI proposals.
The Innovative and Strategic Initiatives that Administrators Should Know Contd.

- Initiated a new PVAMU Research Magazine to be called “REVIEW – Research Excellence in the VIEW”, coming out in Fall 2015.
- Hosted the third annual Panther Research Institute - Grant Writing Workshop, May 18 – 23, 2015 at the PVAMU Northwest Center for over 60 participants. The Center for Teaching Excellence was the Co-Host. Five Mini Grants of $10,000/each were awarded to the best five Teams (first in history).
- Organized and published an institutional Research Capabilities Booklet Guide that included all Research Centers and Institutes at PVAMU.
- Expanded the PVAMU Research Mini-Grant Program to $420,000 for the summer of 2015 (first in history).
- Twenty-one (21) mini-grants of $20,000/each were awarded (first in history).
- An increase of over 100% from 2013 Summer Awards (first in history).
- Recipients are expected to produce proposals and submit for external funding within one-year of the award.
- Guided the planning and implementation of sixteen (16) high impact sponsored program/projects through funding from the US Department of Education – Title III program of approximately $5M.
At PVAMU we pride ourselves in the tradition of excellence, the forerunner of opportunity.

On May 6, 2015 we hosted the first Industry Day - attended by over 40 current and prospective corporate partners.

Industry Day allowed us to highlight current research projects and capabilities, share future research plans, and reinforce/establish new partnerships with the business community.

Increasing personnel to maintain excellence in service.
THANKS!!!

Thanks for Your Attention!!!

GO PANTHERS!!!!

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