



SHELL GLOBAL SOLUTIONS US AND PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY TO SIGN \$5M RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

The energy company is also pledging another \$1 million to create a career pipeline for students.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (January 14, 2022) – On Tuesday, January 18, Shell Global Solutions ([Shell](#)) and Prairie View A&M University ([PVAMU](#)) plan to sign a \$6 million partnership. The five-year research agreement focuses on innovation and agriculture. The PVAMU-Shell Nature Based Solutions (NBS) Research Program will be headquartered in the Historically Black University's [College of Agriculture and Human Sciences](#).

“I am proud to announce a new research agreement between Shell and Prairie View A&M University,” said Dr. Selda Gonsel, president of Shell Global Solutions US. “This agreement will fund a [Nature Based Solutions](#) project, in addition to a state-of-the-art greenhouse on campus. I am excited to see what innovations arise from the next generation of scientists as a result of this agreement.”

The \$5 million research program is part of Shell’s technology innovation and is funded through their Projects & Technology organization. The program includes building physical infrastructure on the PVAMU campus, which has nearly 700 acres of land dedicated to farm research, including state-of-the-art greenhouses. Shell staff will be involved significantly by investing their time and expertise and collaborating on research projects.

The \$1 million contribution furthers Shell’s investment in diversity and inclusion. The funds will be used for university infrastructure improvements and to support PVAMU’s growth while creating a more diverse technical talent pipeline through retention programs, providing work experience opportunities to students to be developed into the next generation of scientists.

“I am immensely pleased to launch this important and generous partnership with Shell,” said Ruth J. Simmons, president of PVAMU. “Its comprehensive approach-involving infrastructure, research collaboration, internships and ongoing staff involvement-is especially welcome. I’m grateful for President Gretchen Watkins’ personal interest in and commitment to this collaboration.”

Event details:

- WHAT:** Shell-Prairie View A&M Research Agreement
- WHO:** Editors, reporters, writers and media covering agriculture, higher education innovation, oil and gas and research.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022
- TIME:** 2 p.m. Central Time – Presentation and Signing
2:30 p.m. – Media Interviews
- WHERE:** Julius W. Becton, Jr. Auditorium, A.I. Thomas Building, Prairie View, Texas

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Interview access to:



Gretchen Watkins, President
Shell Oil Company
Executive Vice President, Global Shales



Selda Gonsel, President
Shell Global Solutions



Ruth Simmons, President
Prairie View A&M University



Magesh Rajan, Vice President
Prairie View A&M University
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About Prairie View A&M University: Designated an institution of "the first class" in the Texas Constitution, Prairie View A&M University is the second-oldest public institution of higher education in the state. With an established reputation for producing engineers, nurses, and educators, PVAMU offers baccalaureate degrees, master's degrees, and doctoral degree programs through nine colleges and schools. A member of The Texas A&M University System, the university is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research, and service. For more information regarding PVAMU, visit www.pvamu.edu.

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