



NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR PVAMU'S INNOVATION LEADER

Dr. Magesh Rajan was selected for AASCU's prestigious Millennium Leadership Initiative, reinforcing the University's role in shaping the future of higher education.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (June 10, 2025) - Dr. Magesh Rajan, Vice President for Research & Innovation at Prairie View A&M University, has been named to the prestigious 2025–2026 Millennium Leadership Initiative (MLI) cohort by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). He is one of only 26 distinguished higher education leaders selected nationwide for this highly competitive program.

This recognition places Prairie View A&M University among an elite group of institutions helping to shape the future of higher education leadership. Dr. Rajan's selection underscores PVAMU's growing national footprint in academic innovation, research excellence, and visionary leadership development.

With a career spanning academic administration, research advancement, and entrepreneurial ecosystem building, Dr. Rajan brings a depth of expertise to the MLI cohort. At PVAMU, he leads the Division of Research & Innovation, overseeing sponsored programs, research compliance, and initiatives that promote discovery and commercialization. His leadership has been instrumental in advancing the university's research mission and elevating its profile in Texas and beyond.

Earlier this year, Dr. Rajan was also reelected to the Board of Directors for the Texas Space Grant Consortium, further demonstrating his commitment to interdisciplinary research collaboration and STEM education.

"Being named to the MLI cohort is an honor that reflects the collective work we are doing at Prairie View A&M University to build research capacity and grow leaders in higher education," said Dr. Rajan. "I'm proud to represent PVAMU among such a distinguished group of colleagues."

Established in 1999, the Millennium Leadership Initiative is AASCU's signature leadership development program aimed at preparing senior-level professionals for roles as university presidents and chancellors. Participants engage in intensive training, mentoring by experienced presidents, and a unique presidential shadowing experience. To date, 777 individuals have completed the program, with 166 advancing to lead colleges and universities.

Dr. Rajan will join his MLI colleagues in Washington, D.C., for a leadership institute taking place June 11–14, 2025. The program is designed to equip participants with the insights, strategies, and networks necessary to navigate the complex demands of modern higher education leadership.

For more information on the 2025–2026 MLI cohort, visit [AASCU's website](#).

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