

VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH & INNOVATION ELECTED TO NASA-TEXAS SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM BOARD

Magesh Rajan, Ph.D., P.E., will bring decades of engineering and innovation knowledge to the NASA board.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (May 28, 2021) - The NASA-Texas Space Grant Consortium Board (TSGC) has elected Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) Vice President for Research & Innovation, Magesh Rajan, Ph.D., P.E., to its board of directors. TSGC—a part of that National Space Grant Program—is a group of 65 institutions (and growing) that are joined to ensure that the benefits of space research and technology are available to all Texans.

“The Texas Space Grant Consortium is very pleased to welcome Dr. Rajan to our board of directors. Prairie View A&M is a longtime affiliate and has participated in many TSGC programs and we welcome the input, and connections that Dr. Rajan will provide. His experience with NASA programs and position as VP for Research and Innovation promises even greater collaboration between TSGC and minority-serving institutions,” said Tim J. Urban, Ph.D., Director, TSGC, and Research Associate, Center for Space Research.

The TSGC Board is comprised of seven members with representation from The University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems. Each board member serves a three-year term. Rajan previously served as an elected representative from TAMU at Corpus Christi, 2011-2017.

“I am honored and humbled to be elected to the TSGC Board and represent PVAMU and the Division of Research & Innovation,” said Rajan, who also has an MBA in Strategic Management and executive training at Harvard’s Institute for Management and Leadership in Education (MLE). “This board position will further enhance the access and relationship with TSGC community and opportunities for outstanding faculty and student researchers of Prairie View A&M University, and other universities and K-12 schools across the State of Texas.”

More about Rajan:

- Earned his Ph.D. (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and MS (University of Tennessee-Knoxville) degrees in Electrical Engineering
- A licensed professional engineer (PE) in the State of Texas, a certified ABET program evaluator, and a six-sigma green belt license holder
- Leads a Mentor Protégée Program between Prairie View A&M University and NASA
- Led a \$750,000, NASA, National Aeronautics and Space Administration funded, Wireless Body Area Network in Space: Wireless Health Monitoring System with Flexible and Wearable Sensors, 2018-2020 as a Principal Investigator



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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 eight 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.