



Research Recap

February 2022

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Monthly Highlights

SHSU is Now an R2 Designated Institution

Sam Houston State University has received recognition as a High Research Activity Doctoral University, also known as an R2 designation. The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs would like to thank each faculty member, staff member, and student who made this achievement possible through their hard work and dedication to academic and research excellence.

Normandy Group Visit

Sam Houston State University's representatives in Washington D.C., the Normandy Group, recently paid a visit to campus. Normandy Group members toured off-campus facilities, and spoke with leadership from Sam Houston State University and the City of Huntsville to discuss potential opportunities for collaboration and growth within our community. To learn more about the Normandy Group and their services, [contact the Director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#).

News & Updates

Participants Wanted

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is seeking proposals for workshops, demonstrations, performances, events, and community engagement sessions to include in the exposition which will be held 28-30 September 2022.

Each proposal should include:

- The title of the activity or event
- A short abstract of what the event will be
- A list of all participants who will act as guides, instructors, performers, etc.
- An impact statement on how the activity will benefit the campus and community.

Faculty and staff from all disciplines are encouraged to submit proposals.

To submit your workshop, demonstration, performance, event, or community engagement session idea, please fill out the [proposal form](#).

For further information or questions, please reach out to grantproposaldevelopment@shsu.edu.

Institutional Review Board Process Forum

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will be hosting an Institutional Review Board Process Forum in conjunction with our Compliance Specialist, Sharla Miles. The forum will be held on 1 April 2022 from 9AM to 11AM in the Lowman Student Center's Glass Room (LSC 242). The forum is meant to provide an opportunity for faculty, students, and staff who have been through the IRB Process or are confused or intimidated by the process to ask their questions, air their grievances, and discuss potential changes or training to simplify the compliance process.

To ensure discussion on the topic of your concern, [submit your question](#) to the forum by 11 March 2022. For any other concerns or questions about the forum, contact our [Compliance Specialist](#).

Undergraduate Scholars Forum

The Center for Enhancing Undergraduate Research Experiences and Creative Activities will be hosting their Undergraduate Scholars Forum 1 & 2 March 2022 from 2:30PM to 3:30PM in room 350 of the Lowman Student Center. The forum is meant to evoke discussion and allow students to ask their questions about research opportunities and potential barriers to undergraduate research experiences. Please feel free to share this event with your classes and any student interested in student research opportunities. Students can register for the forum here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Vpaa06PYwN>. Faculty are encouraged to share this link with their students. The deadline for registration is 20 February 2022.

Internal Grant Awardees

Results for the internal grant competitions are expected to be announced in March 2022. The final proposals are currently being reviewed by the Faculty Research Council.

Open Call for Project Highlights

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Media and Communications Team is looking for faculty projects to highlight. We are interested in projects, works, and research from all disciplines across campus, and have a special interest

in projects involving undergraduate student collaborators.

Got a tip on a funded project or study that deserves a highlight? Have an idea for something grand but need collaborators to pull it off? Contact the [Communications Specialist](#) to see if we can help you network.



The Numbers - FY2022

Submissions

Proposals Submitted - 55

Grant Dollars Requested - \$20,040,486

Awards

Awards Received - 32

Grant Dollars Awarded - \$11,915,278

*FY2021 Numbers: Proposal Submitted - 72 | Grant Dollars Requested - \$18,764,841 | Awards Received - 43 | Grant Dollars Received - \$15,975,968

Recognizing Success

Making Taxes Less Taxing

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Center at Sam Houston State University has been offering free tax filing assistance to qualifying faculty, staff, students and members of the Huntsville community since 2019. Dr. Trevor England of the Accounting Department created the VITA Center to grow and



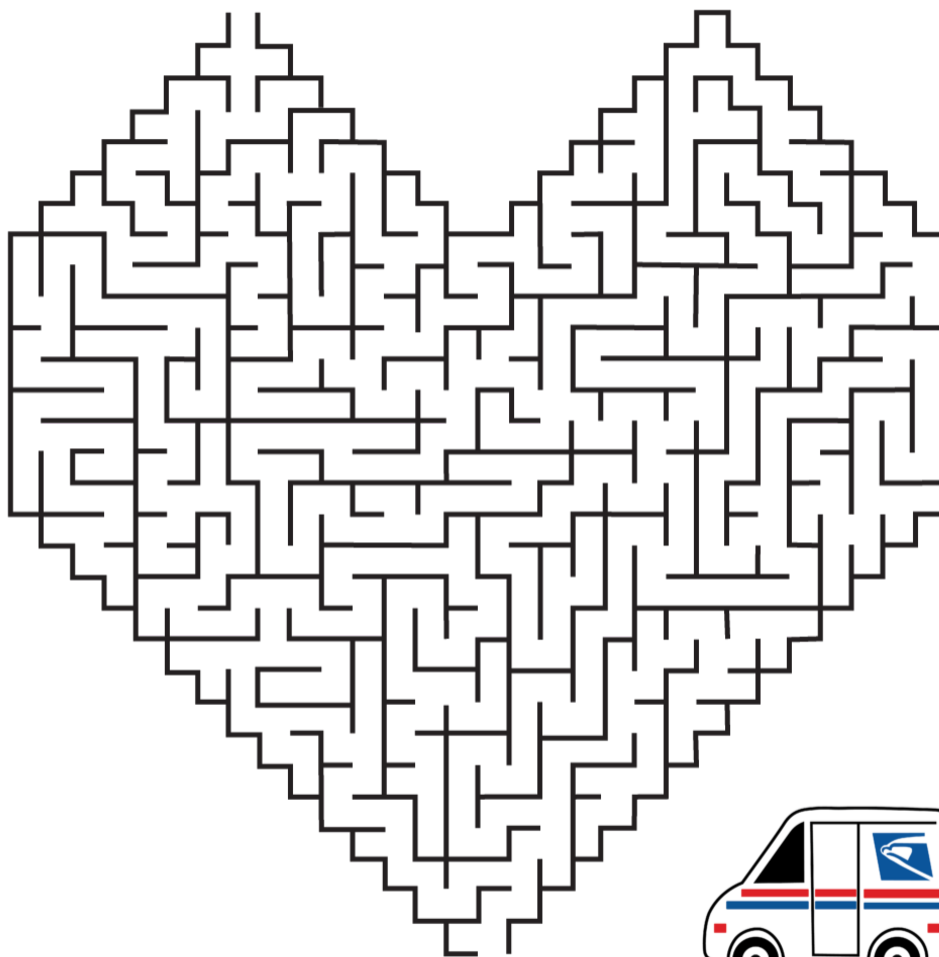
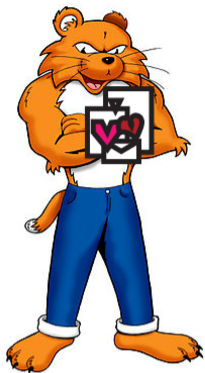
enhance the services provided to underserved populations within Sam Houston State University's footprint. Learn more about the SHSU VITA Center on their [website](#), or read their recent [article](#) from Today@Sam.

Funding Opportunities

Check out these curated funding opportunities on PIVOT.

Happy Hearts - Heart Health Research

Be Our Valentine



Solve the maze to give Sammy the Bearkat his Valentine's Day gift.

Riddle Me This Kats!

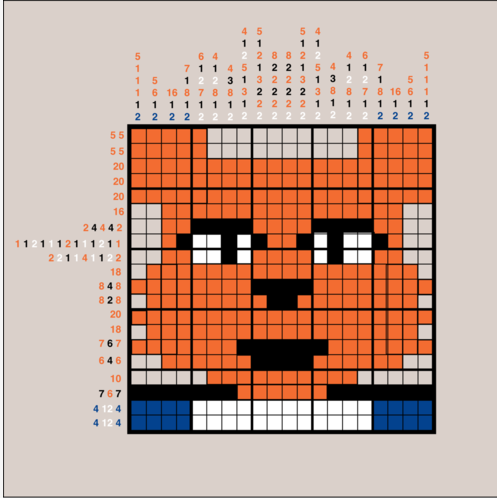
When and where was Saint Valentine martyred?

January Solutions

Trivia Answer:

What biological system in the average human adult is long enough to wrap around the equator twice?

The Blood Vessels.



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