



# Research Recap

## May 2022

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### Highlights of the Month

#### **National Science Foundation - Faculty Early Career Development Program Working Group**

The [Faculty Early Career Development Program \(CAREER\)](#) is the most prestigious award an early-career faculty member can receive from the National Science Foundation. In the interest of increasing competitive submissions to the program, the Research & Proposal Development Team will host a CAREER Working Group this summer. The working group is designed to provide interested faculty members with support from fellow faculty members currently writing for the program and veteran faculty who have written for the program in previous years. Interested faculty must [register through this form](#) by **5:00PM on 27 May 2022**. For more information contact [Jonathan Thomas, Coordinator of Strategic Partnerships](#).

#### **National Science Foundation - Research Experiences for Undergraduates Working Group**

Sam Houston State University prides itself on the opportunities provided to its students, and we at the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs are equally dedicated to their success. The [Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program \(REU\)](#) from the National Science Foundation is designed to support research employing and engaging undergraduate students to better their experience, education, and opportunities for the future. The [Center for Enhancing Undergraduate Research Experience and Creative Activities \(EURECA\)](#) is currently hosting REU Working Groups to assist faculty and staff interested in engaging undergraduates in their projects in generating viable and competitive submissions to the program. For more information contact [Dr. Kelbi Delaune, Coordinator of Student Engagement](#).

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is continuously working to acquire new and improve old resources for faculty, staff, and students interested in research, scholarly, and creative activities. Our website currently hosts a [Facilities Database](#), full of information on the plethora of centers, institutes, and other organizations on campus, an [Equipment Database](#), listing the instruments and tools available for research-related use, a [Funding Search Tool](#) with access to and information on billions of dollars of funding world-wide, and an ever-growing [List of Internal and External Funding Opportunities](#), as well as access to [Experienced Personnel](#) familiar with the various aspects of the funding application process.

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## News and Updates

### News from the Capitol

Sam Houston State University contracts with a team of specialist dedicated to navigating the political arena in Washington D. C. [The Normandy Group, LLC](#) stays abreast of the mission, needs, and goals of Sam Houston State University, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and our faculty, staff, students, and surrounding community members, and tailors those items to resonate with the lawmakers and influencers of our nation.

Read the latest information on the agenda of Congress in the most recent [Normandy Group Update](#).



### New Faces at the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

Our office has recently welcomed several new faces to our team. Keep reading to learn more about them and their new roles in our office.

#### Dr. Brian Loft, PhD

Dr. Brian Loft started at Sam Houston State University in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. After serving as Department Chair for five years, he was promoted to working in the Office of the Provost in 2017 due to his exemplary work dedicated to student success. Dr. Loft now works in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs as the Assistant Provost of Sponsored Programs.

#### Sarah Browning, MA

Sarah Browning will be working as our new Coordinator of Faculty Development. Before joining the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Sarah worked for the College of Osteopathic Medicine as the Professional Development Coordinator. Collectively, she has twelve years of

experience at Sam Houston State University and will graduate with her third degree (MBA) this Thursday, May 12th.

### **Nicole Babilya**

Nicole Babilya is the newest addition to the Budgets and Submissions Team in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, serving in the role of Submissions, Budgets, and Contracts Coordinator. Nicole has over fourteen years of research administration experience and earned the designation of Certified Research Administrator (CRA) in 2010.

### **Candace (Candy) Prater**

Candy Prater has a long-standing record as a successful event planner, skilled coordinator, and a talented administrative professional. She joins the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs as the new Assistant to the Chief Research Officer and Associate Provost.



### **R2 Celebration - After the Celebration**

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs would like to thank everyone who made our recent R2 Celebration possible. The [R2 Celebrated Research Trailer](#), which aired at the event, is now available for viewing on the [ORSP YouTube channel](#).

In addition, commemorative coins reserved for investigators from the previous five years are in the process of being delivered. Coins for the administrative staff who contributed to this achievement are currently being acquired. Administrative staff and investigators should keep an eye on their SHSU email inbox for further updates. If you have a question or concern regarding the coins please reach out to the [Research and Proposal Development Team](#).

### **Participants Wanted for Upcoming Exposition**

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is seeking submissions for various types of events, performances, demonstrations, workshops, and other programming to include in the upcoming exposition to be held 28-30 September 2022. Faculty, staff, and students from all disciplines are highly encouraged to submit their ideas. If you are unsure about your idea, please reach out to our [Research & Proposal Development Team](#) for more information.

Each submission 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.

To submit your idea, please fill out the [submission form](#) or send an email to the [Research & Proposal Development Team](#).

### **Internal Grant Program Updates**

Accounts for the Internal Grant Program Awardees are currently being set up by the Office of Research Administration. Awardees can expect to hear from the ORA regarding their accounts soon. However, due to the complexity of the accounts and the large quantity of awardees, this is a lengthy process and awardee patience is greatly appreciated.

## Open Call for Project Highlights

Have an awesome space the SHSU community should know about? 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 our Research & Proposal Development Team](#) to see if we can help you network.



# The Numbers - FY2022

## Submissions

Proposals Submitted - 114

Grant Dollars Requested - \$51,759,134

## Awards

Awards Received - 52

Grant Dollars Awarded - \$19,503,173

\*FY2021 Numbers: Proposal Submitted - 110 | Grant Dollars Requested - \$40,778,559 | Awards Received - 57  
| Grant Dollars Received - \$17,751,053

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## Funding Opportunities

Check out these curated funding opportunities on PIVOT.

[Early Career Opportunities](#)

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## Can You Solve the Sudoku Puzzle?

1			9		8	3		
5		3		7				4
				4		1		
8	6	5		3	7		2	9
								1
	1			6	2		8	
2	7			1	6			5
9		4						
6			8		4		3	

Each row must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without any repeats. Each column must also contain the numbers 1 through 9 without any repeats. The digits can only occur once per nonet (the bold outline three-square blocks). Fun fact: if you have it right each nonet, column, and row will add up to 45!

### **Riddle Me This Kats!**

What is the most common wildflower in Texas?

## April Solutions

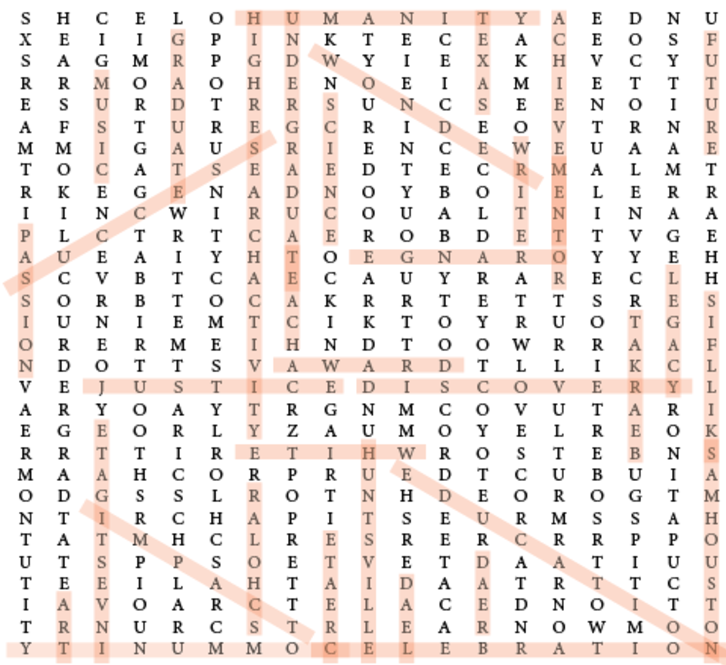
### Trivia Answers:

How Many US Academic Institutions were promoted to Doctoral University of High Research Activity (R2 Status) by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education in 2021?

21 Universities

What year was the Carnegie Classification established?

The Carnegie Classification was established in 1970, but it was not published until 1973.



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