Monthly Highlights

**Student Engagement Coordinator on Leave**

The Student Engagement Coordinator of the Center for Enhancing Undergraduate Research Experience and Creative Activities (EURECA) will be out on maternity leave starting on November 19th, 2021. Please field all questions or concerns regarding the Center for EURECA or student engagement to the Research & Proposal Development Team Leader, Clayton Cottle, until her return in January 2022.

**STAPP Extension**

The Student Travel Award for Professional Presentation grant will remain open to submissions on a rolling basis effective immediately.

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**News & Updates**

**Internal Grant Programs Closed to Submission**

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and the Center for Enhancing Undergraduate Research Experience and Creative Activities have, as of November 1st, closed their internal grant programs to submissions. Proposals submitted before the deadline will be reviewed and decisions made by the Faculty Research Council, an interdisciplinary review board comprised of members representing all eight colleges of SHSU and the Chief Research Officer. Decisions regarding Internal Grant Program awards are typically announced in the following spring.
Website 2.0

The second phase of our website update is now live! Check out the newly updated site and see our two new resources: Equipment Database and Facilities Boilerplate. Have a piece of equipment or know a facility that is not in the database? Fill out the form on the corresponding database's landing page to get it added in the next update! Our Compliance site has been updated, and our research laboratories site, Texas Research Institute for Environmental Studies (TRIES), has been completely overhauled! Stay tuned for a list of updated services for each of the laboratories.

2021 Homecoming Mixer Costume Contest Winners

The winners of the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs's Homecoming Mixer Costume Contest are "6-Pack", The 1980s girl-band from Enrollment Marketing & Communications! Congratulations, ladies! You're totally radical!

Thank you so much to everyone who made our 2021 Homecoming Networking Mixer possible. We could not have done it without our friends and colleagues from Student Activities, Aramark, MarComm, and the Office of the Provost. Thank you!

The Numbers - FY2022

**Submissions**

Proposals Submitted - 18  
Grant Dollars Requested - $5,651,659

**Awards**

Awards Received - 16  
Grant Dollars Awarded - $7,906,312

*2021 Numbers: Proposal Submitted - 36 | Grant Dollars Requested - $7,434,670 | Awards Received - 25 | Grant Dollars Received - $10,297,191

Upcoming Events
Recognizing Success

**New Faculty Highlights**

New Faculty Highlights are coming to a close for this semester. A special thank you to all of our new Bearkat family members who participated in this project. Visit our YouTube channel to learn more about your new colleagues, their research, and their goals at Sam Houston State University. Follow the link to the left to head straight to the New Faculty Highlights playlist.

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](mailto:Communications.Specialist@shsu.edu) to see if we can help you network.
Advancing Science to New Frontiers

Congratulations to Dr. James Dent, and his co-investigators Dr. Joel Walker, and Dr. William Shepherd for their recent award from the National Science Foundation! Their project Standard Model Effective Field Theory (SMEFT), Collider, Neutrino, Axion, and Dark Matter Phenomenology was funded for $405,000 and is a partial continuation of a previously funded project. The extended project is planned to run for three years and investigate several phenomena of particle physics and will include opportunities for undergraduate research.

Funding Opportunities

Check out these curated funding lists on PIVOT.

Study Abroad Funding
Undergraduate Research

A Bearkat Crossword
Riddle Me This Kats!

I have cities, but no houses.
I have mountains, but no trees.
I have water, but no fish.

What am I?

October Solutions

Logic Puzzle Answer: Dr. Who and Marty McFly take the cart to the Mixer, it takes two minutes. Dr. Who takes the cart back to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and it takes him one minute. Indiana Jones and Ferris Beuller take the cart over to the Mixer. It takes them eight minutes. Marty McFly drives the cart back to the ORSP and picks up Dr. Who. They return to the Mixer in two minutes, arriving just as the 15 minute battery dies.