Monthly Highlights

Internal Grant Awardees

Decisions regarding the Fiscal Year 2022 Internal Grant Programs have been made. Participants can expect their Letter of Award or Letter of Decline via their Sam Houston State University email account by **March 21st, 2022**. Awardees’ names will be posted on all Office of Research and Sponsored Programs social media channels following the release of the final letter. Congratulations to the awardees and thank you to all of the participants, faculty, and staff who make the Internal Grant Programs possible through their efforts. We look forward to your future discoveries and next year’s competition.

Institutional Review Board Process Open Forum

Sam Houston State University’s Institutional Review Board will be hosting a two-session forum on **April 1st, 2022**, starting at **9AM** and again at **10AM** in the **Glassroom (242)** of the **Lowman Student Center**. The IRB Forum will begin with an open panel discussion where faculty, staff, and students may ask their questions over coffee and will break into smaller table discussions where faculty can ask specific questions over the following topics:

- *What is Human Subjects Research?*
- *The CAYUSE System*
- *Types of Review*

News & Updates

Participants Wanted
The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is seeking workshops, demonstrations, performances, events, and community engagement classes and sessions to include in the upcoming Sam Houston State University Exposition which will be held **28-30 September 2022**.

Each event 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.

All disciplines, ranks, staff and faculty are highly encouraged to submit proposals. Demonstrations may be held in their home laboratory, so long as the laboratory can be made safe for visitors during the proposed demonstration time. Similarly, performances and other events requiring special equipment or locations will be considered.

To submit your workshop, demonstration, performance, event, or community engagement session idea, please fill out the [proposal form](mailto:grantproposaldevelopment@shsu.edu).

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

**Internal Grant Awardees Interviews**

Results for the internal grant competitions are in and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs wants to learn more about you and your work! Awardees for the Internal Grant Programs can expect to be contacted regarding a short interview or highlight piece after all letters have been released on March 21st. If you have any questions regarding the highlight pieces, please reach out to the Communications Specialist.

**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.
## Recognizing Success

### Celebrating our R2 Designation

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 in collaboration with the Office of the Provost, will be hosting the R2 Celebration for all those who contributed to this achievement. Invitees can expect a Save the Date via email, and a printed invitation in their SHSU mailbox, in the coming weeks.

### Homeland Security at SHSU

The Homeland Security Institute at Sam Houston State University was established in 2021 to address vulnerabilities in critical infrastructures across Texas. The Institute dedicates itself to research on safety and training for vital infrastructures including Transportation, Energy, Chemical, and Healthcare (TECH) resources. Michael Aspland, the director of the Homeland Security Institute has over 30 years of previous experience in law enforcement, homeland security, and infrastructure protection. For more information on the Homeland Security Institute, check out the [article](#) from Today@Sam.
Funding Opportunities

Check out what these funding organizations are interested in.

- National Institute of Justice
- National Institutes of Health
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- National Endowment for the Arts

Wishing you the Best of Luck!

Color the Celtic Knot. Good luck charms show up in many cultures
around the world. Lucky rabbits' feet, four leaf clovers, and horseshoes are all traditional good luck charms that came from Ireland. Other countries associate good luck with oranges, coins, certain animals, specific colors and knots!

Riddle Me This Kats!

What are the odds of finding a four-leaf clover?

February Solutions

Trivia Answer:

When and where was Saint Valentine martyred?

Saint Valentine is said to be martyred on February 14th, 269 AD by Emperor Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II) outside the Flaminian Gate of Rome.