



# The Research Recap

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## Scholarly Innovation Summit: The Schedule

The overarching goals of the Summit are to showcase successful and ongoing projects and activities, discover potential internal and external collaborations, and offer sessions that will enrich all participants.

View the schedule and stay up-to-date on our [landing page](#).

**Day 1** will focus on *Innovation, Information, & Inspiration*

**Day 2** will offer *Workshops, Development, & Open Houses*



### Introducing Keynote: John Quiñones

Look familiar?

We are excited to welcome [John Quiñones](#) as the keynote for the Summit. Quiñones is a first-generation, Upward Bound/TRIO graduate from San Antonio, who went on to earn his Master of Arts degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Quiñones will be speaking about how mentorship opportunities impacted his career and life trajectory. He has over 35 years in television news and we are excited to host him at SHSU.

## Upcoming Submission Deadlines

◇ August 18th: [USDA REEU](#)

◇ September 1st: [USDA AFRI](#)

◇ September 6th: [NSF REU](#)

## Internal Grant Program Opens September 1st

The ORSP Internal Grant Programs at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) provide financial support for the creative activities and research of faculty, staff, and students across all academic disciplines. These programs are administered through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) at SHSU under the advice of the [Faculty Research Council](#).

The faculty/staff-focused funding opportunities include Individual Scholarship, New Faculty, Interdisciplinary Collaborations, and Pilot Studies for Future Funding. The faculty/student-focused programs include EURECA: Faculty and Student Team Award (FAST) and the Student Travel Awards for Professional Presentation (STAPP). You can learn more about each program on our [Find Funding](#) page; this is also where the official competition links will be posted.

## Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Designation

We are honored to announce that SHSU has earned the federal designation as a [Hispanic Serving Institution](#) (HSI). This designation underscores our institution’s commitment to student access and diversity. In addition, as an HSI our institution becomes eligible for additional grant opportunities to further enhance the educational experiences. In the upcoming months, as well as at the Scholarly Innovation Summit, we will provide more information and resources about how you can best leverage our HSI designation and successfully seek grant funding to expand our institutional opportunities to our student populations.

Check out our recent [HSI funding prospecting report](#) for HSI-funding opportunities and insights.

## Federal Updates

[The Normandy Group, LLC](#) provides our team with updates on the general activity of the political arena in Washington, D.C. to better understand the changes in the funding landscape. If you are interested in last month’s updates, you can read them [here](#). *The Normandy Group, LLC will also be in attendance for our Summit event with more, relevant updates for the upcoming academic year.*

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## Pursuit of the NSF CAREER Award

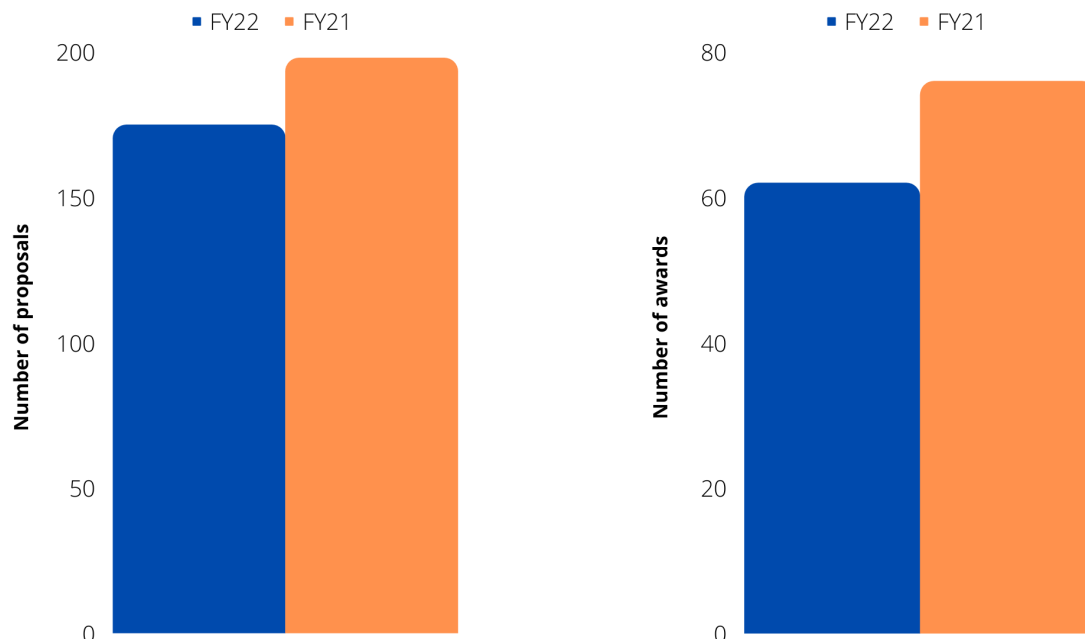
We would like to give a quick shoutout to four faculty that submitted to the National Science Foundation’s prestigious award competition, the [Faculty Early Career Development Program \(CAREER\)](#). This funding program is highly competitive and requires vast amounts of proposal development. Shoutout and best of luck to Melanie Kinsley (School of Teaching and Learning), David Moss (Environmental and Geoscience), Emma Bullock (Mathematics and Statistics) and Adrian Villalta-Cerdas (Chemistry). If you are interested in preparing a proposal to submit to the July 2023 deadline and would be interested in resources, then [contact our team](#) to get set up.

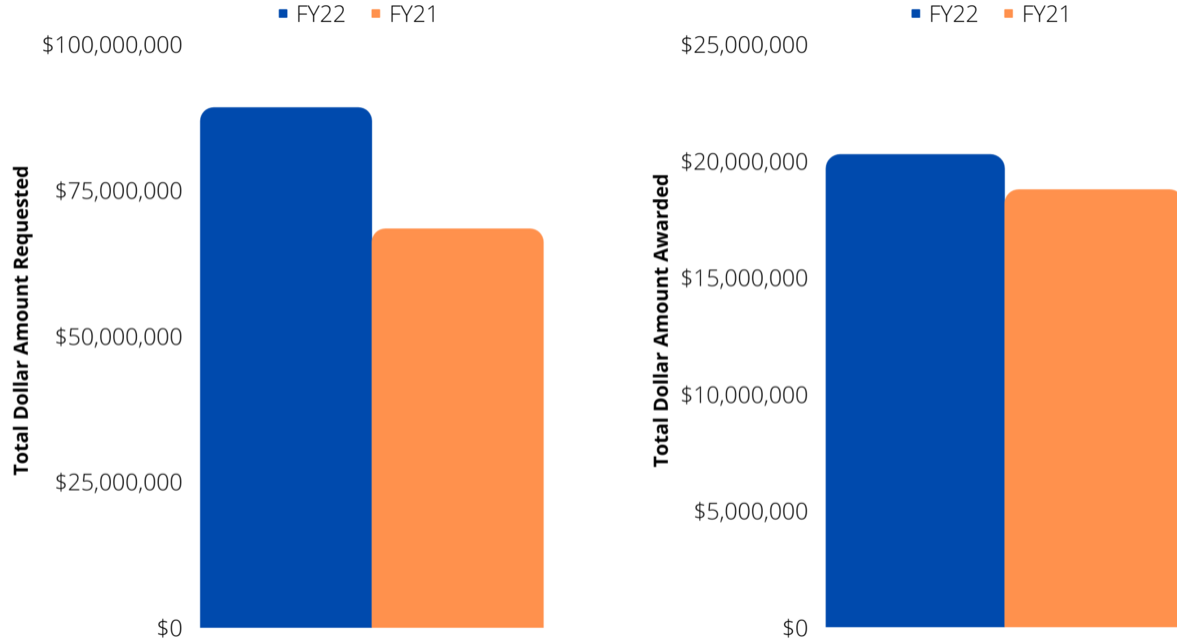
## Texas Comptroller Grant Supports Bee Research

There was a big win recently for Earth and for Dr. Justin Williams (Department of Biological Sciences). Dr. Williams was awarded \$500,000 from the Texas Comptroller’s office for research on pollinator diversity in rural East Texas. In a recent [Today @ SAM article](#) that talks more about the award, Dr. Williams was quoted saying “I think this is a testament to the expertise of the professors that we have here at Sam,” Williams said. “It is good for the university to show that we can conquer such a problem. It shows that our faculty and students are capable of performing at a state-wide level.”

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## Resources

### EURECA Launches Newsletter

ORSP absorbed the [EURECA \(Enhancing Undergraduate Research Experiences and Creative Activities\) Center](#) this last year and under the guidance of our coordinator, Dr. Kelbi Delaune, built our student STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) team. We are proud to announce the official launch of their newsletter starting this August. To stay informed and keep your students informed, please sign-up [here](#).

### We Want You! (to share your research needs)

The ORSP team wants to hear from faculty across campus about their research needs so we can build the necessary development offerings for the campus community. Be on the lookout next month for a survey link. We would sincerely appreciate a few minutes of your time to fill out the survey. Stay tuned for the release of the assessment!

### PACE Faculty Writing Circles

Do you need to dedicate time each week to your research and writing? PACE Faculty Writing Circles are now forming for the fall semester! Reading, thinking, analyzing, or writing—it's all part of the process, and a faculty writing circle can help you carve out dedicated time, cultivate a habit, and share accountability for these activities while also building community with peers across campus. Refer to this [flyer](#) for more details, or [sign up now](#).

### Council on Undergraduate Research

SHSU has an institutional membership to the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) which supports faculty, staff, and students with a multitude of resources to enhance student engagement in scholarship and creative activities.

“Partnering with CUR enables campus transformation, offering tools for administrators, opportunities to showcase and strength student achievements, and access professional development in research and curriculum for faculty and staff. Institutional membership exemplifies administrative commitment to undergraduate research, a message that resonates with faculty and students, both current and prospective. Undergraduate research is an important component of higher education. With CUR's wide contact base, it provides dynamic national and international representation of those involved at your institution.” You can activate your membership [here](#).

## Wondering how to get started with our team?

We are always accessible, and you can begin engaging with us whenever you are comfortable. If you are still in an ideation stage or looking for funding opportunities then reach out to our [Research and Proposal Development team](#). If you already have a grant identified and ready to begin the development of documents then submit a [Pre-Proposal Notification \(PPN\) form](#) and we will get a team assigned to assist you in the preparation and submission.

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