

## College of Applied Arts Boilerplate Language for Proposal Development

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### Overview

Texas State University is a public, student-centered, Emerging Research University located in the Hill Country community about halfway between the Austin and San Antonio metropolitan areas. It ranks as the largest public university in the Texas State University System, 7<sup>th</sup> largest in Texas, and 30<sup>th</sup> largest in the country. Texas State is home to nearly 38,000 students and an increasingly diverse campus community. Our students come from around the globe, from 88 countries and 49 states. 59% percent of Texas State students are ethnic minorities. Texas State is a federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), and 40% of the University's undergraduates are Hispanic. There are 99 bachelor's, 91 master's, and 14 doctoral degree programs offered through 9 colleges, including Applied Arts, McCoy College of Business Administration, Education, Fine Arts & Communication, Health Professions, Liberal Arts, Science & Engineering, University College, and the Graduate College. Texas State's Round Rock Campus, located just north of Austin, offers junior- and senior-level and graduate classes that lead to 12 bachelor's degrees, 13 master's degrees, 15 online master's degree programs, and 2 doctoral programs. The Office of Distance and Extended Learning offers 100% online degree programs, including 3 undergraduate and 16 graduate online programs.

<https://www.ir.txstate.edu/student/Public-Student-Reports/Enrollment-by-Demographics.html>

<https://www.admissions.txstate.edu/explore/about-texas-state.html>

<https://hsi.txstate.edu/>

<https://www.distancelearning.txst.edu/>

### History

Authorized by the Texas Legislature in 1899, Southwest Texas State Normal School opened its doors in 1903. The original mission was to prepare Texas public school teachers. Over the years, the Legislature broadened the institution's scope and changed its name, in succession, to Southwest Texas State Normal College, Southwest Texas State Teachers College, Southwest Texas State College, Southwest Texas State University, and in 2013 to Texas State University. Each name reflects the University's growth from a small teacher preparation institution to a major, multipurpose university. Texas State has been successful in its original mission, but today it does far more.

<https://www.txstate.edu/about/history-traditions.html>

### Mission

Texas State University is a doctoral-granting, student-centered institution dedicated to excellence and innovation in teaching, research, including creative expression, and service. The university strives to create new knowledge, to embrace a diversity of people and ideas, to foster cultural and economic development, and to prepare its graduates to participate fully and freely as citizens of Texas, the nation, and the world.

<https://www.txstate.edu/about/mission.html>

### **Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement**

Texas State believes that freedom of thought, innovation and creativity are fundamental characteristics of a community of scholars. To promote such a learning environment, the university has a special responsibility to seek diversity, to promote inclusion, to instill a global perspective in its students, and to nurture sensitivity, dialogue, and mutual respect. Discrimination against or harassment of individuals based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, veterans' status, gender identity or expression are inconsistent with the purposes of the university.

<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/general-information/diversity-and-inclusion-policy-statement/>

### **University Classification and Research**

In 2012, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board named Texas State an “Emerging Research University,” a designation that allows the university to tap into special state funds designed to bolster higher education research. This designation affirms Texas State’s commitment to support faculty as active scholars in their respective disciplines and to involve both undergraduate and graduate students in research. To coordinate efforts to achieve designation as a national research university, in April 2019, Texas State adopted an updated *Strategic Plan for Research* with targeted investments of institutional funds to support increased research activity across the university.

As befits an emerging research university, Texas State has demonstrated tremendous growth in its research enterprise. From fiscal year 2009 through fiscal year 2013, Texas State experienced a 57% increase in restricted research expenditures, which was the second-largest rate of increase by any Emerging Research University (ERU) during that time. During the next five-year period from fiscal year 2014 to 2018, Texas State experienced a 70 percent increase in restricted research expenditures, which was the largest rate of increase by an ERU during that time and which resulted in a new institutional benchmark of \$35.6 million in fiscal year 2018. Furthermore, Texas State’s gross increase in restricted research expenditures during fiscal years 2009 to 2013 was \$7,608,261, making it the third-largest gross increase among all ERUs. The gross increase in restricted research expenditures for fiscal years 2014 to 2018 almost doubled—\$14.6 million—demonstrating consistent progress toward the goal of \$45 million. These data reflect Texas State’s commitment to and support of research activity as it continues its transformation into a research university.

<https://www.txstate.edu/research/about-us/strategic-plan.html>

### **Institutional Capacity for Grant Administration**

The primary mission of the Division of Research (DOR) is to support and promote the research and scholarly creative activity needs of the faculty and staff while ensuring compliance and scholarly integrity. Toward that end, the DOR assists the University research community advance research and commercialization efforts, encourages interdisciplinary activities across campus, facilitates collaboration with external partners, and provides matching funds to support new programs and initiatives. In addition, this office provides support for research activities through a variety of services, including Pre and Post Award Support, Research Integrity and Compliance, Strategic Research Initiatives, and Research Records and System Services. Six multidisciplinary centers and institutes also report to the DOR.

TXST is a research-intensive R-2 university, and it is our goal to achieve R-1 status by 2027. Research at TXST has grown quickly, and we are confident we can achieve this goal. Over 2012–2021, TXST increased its

total R&D expenditures by 98%, exceeding \$72 million in FY2021 and placing us in the top quartile nationally. In 2023, TXST has increased the total amount of annual research expenditures to a record \$141.3 million, a 29% increase over FY2022; submitted an all-time high of 694 research proposals, a 17% increase over FY2022; invested \$12 million to recruit 100 new Ph.D. students into existing Ph.D. programs across the university, and \$6 million to recruit more postdocs; and submitted 11 new doctoral program proposals for review to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

In FY 2024, TXST plans to invest \$2.1 million to attract post-doctoral researchers to support our faculty members in their research endeavors. TXST also plans to invest \$2 million for additional Ph.D. tuition scholarships, stipends, and course release time for faculty members to allow for devoted concentration on research. Our drive for research excellence is evident in many initiatives that promote undergraduate, graduate, and faculty research endeavors while building upon strong existing support for research and creative scholarly activities. The Division of Research supports and promotes research while ensuring compliance and scholarly integrity.

[https://www.txstate.edu/research/about-us/list\\_of\\_research\\_support.html](https://www.txstate.edu/research/about-us/list_of_research_support.html)

### **Pre and Post Award Support Services**

Research is the principal source of technological innovations and economic expansion for our state and country. Pre and Post Award Support Services at Texas State University promotes externally funded research, scholarly and creative activity, public service, instruction, training, and other projects. Pre and Post Award Support Services is the central source of information for major government agencies, foundations, and corporations that support research and other sponsored programs. Pre and Post Award Support Services staff assists faculty members, administrators, and students from proposal development and planning through implementation and administration of funded projects.

<https://www.txst.edu/research/osp/pre-award-support.html>

More information on the University, Finance and Support Services, Facilities, Human Resources, Information Technology, and University Advancement is available at [https://www.txstate.edu/research/about-us/list\\_of\\_research\\_support.html](https://www.txstate.edu/research/about-us/list_of_research_support.html)

<https://www.txst.edu/research/>

For more information about research services, visit the [Division of Research](#).

### **College Priorities**

The College of Applied Arts has set up five priorities to achieve its goals and initiatives for the 2023 - 2029 planning cycle of Texas State University. Among the five priorities, the third priority of the College of Applied Arts is committed to leveraging HSI success and current facilities to increase the number of grants submitted by faculty. The College aims to fully support the increased number of grant submissions through interdisciplinary efforts with other departments, universities, state/federal agencies, and corporations/foundations that focus on local, state, national, and global needs.

<https://www.appliedarts.txstate.edu/about/College-Strategic-Plan.html>

## **College of Applied Arts Overview**

The College of Applied Arts (CoAA) provides hands-on experiential learning, and student-centered education at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. With seven academic areas housed in four departments and three schools, our students choose from a variety of specializations. Students in the College of Applied Arts can develop the skill sets they need to compete responsibly, professionally, and successfully in our real-world economy. Our college emphasizes innovation, experiential learning, research, and service as we educate the next generation of compassionate and transformational leaders. There are seven academic areas within CoAA, including School of Social Work, Department of Organization, Workforce, and Leadership Studies (OWLS), Department of Military Science, School of Family Consumer Sciences (FCS), School of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Department of Agricultural Sciences, and the Department of Aerospace Studies (AFROTC).

## **College Centers**

Three centers are proudly housed in the College. The Center for Geospatial Intelligence and Investigation (GII) seeks to improve our intelligence and investigate responses to security threats from criminal offenders, terrorists, and insurgents. GII projects have included the study of the geospatial relationships between terrorists' cell sites, military applications of geographic profiling, researching criminal search paths, and the identification of geographic features associated with illegal border crossings.

The Texas Justice Court Training Center (TJCTC) provides quality education opportunities for justices of the peace, constables, and court personnel, ensuring the credibility of and confidence in the justice courts, enabling them to better serve the people of The State of Texas. The Child Development Center (CDC) serves as a lab environment for the Family and Consumer Sciences Department. As part of their course work, child development students observe child and teacher behaviors, work in the classroom under the supervision of a qualified teacher and participate in a semester-long internship at the center.

In turn, the Child Development Center offers a realistic and diverse training environment for future childcare professionals. The Center is also the home for the San Marcos Early Childhood Collaboration Project, one of three model programs in the state involving the collaboration of Head Start, the public Colleges, and public childcare.