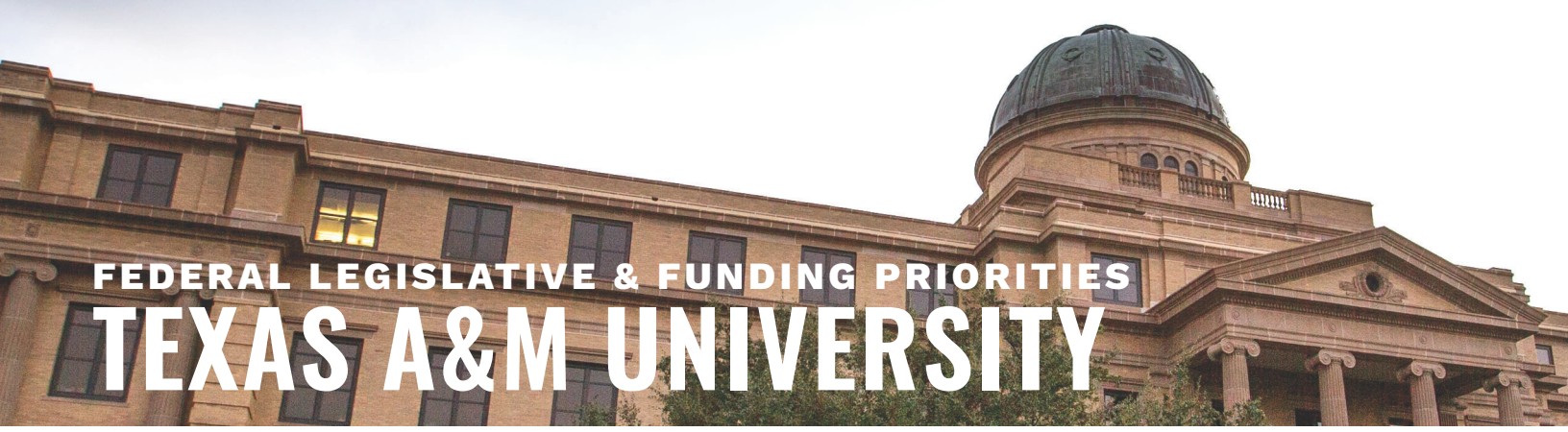

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE & FUNDING PRIORITIES

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

VETERINARY EMERGENCY TEAM $10 MILLION

Texas A&M's Veterinary Emergency Team (VET), the nation's largest and most advanced, deploys with urban search and rescue teams to provide veterinary care for canine search teams, locate and treat companion animals and livestock, and surveil zoonotic diseases. Texas A&M proposes expanding VET into a national network – including Texas, California and Florida – to strengthen FEMA's disaster response and recovery with specialized veterinary expertise, planning, coordination and recovery and continue to help state jurisdictions develop animal-focused emergency plans.

NATIONAL SECURITY AI INSTITUTE $50 MILLION

Texas A&M researchers are at the forefront of artificial intelligence research and development. They are exploring secure, efficient ways to leverage new technologies for the greater good and training the next generation of workers and leaders that will solve challenging issues. Building on these efforts and the university's strong record and capabilities in national security and workforce development, Texas A&M worked with Congress to authorize the first academic-led Artificial Intelligence National Security Institute last year to transform national security response and seek funding for the institute in FY27.

MAINTAINING UNIVERSITY F&A RATES

F&A costs – also referred to as "indirect costs" – are essential costs of conducting research. The federal government's longstanding recognition and payment of its share of these costs has helped U.S. colleges and universities build and support the required research infrastructure that has made the American research enterprise the best in the world. We appreciate Congress's recognition of the importance in maintaining these costs and encourage Congress to continue funding support for this critical need.

U.S. SUB SEAFLOOR SAMPLING PROGRAM $67.5 MILLION

Texas A&M is home to the recently awarded Scientific Ocean Drilling Coordinating Office and houses the only previously drilled ocean core repository in the U.S., one of just three worldwide. Continued federal support for the U.S. Sub Seafloor Sampling Program (S3P), the latest iteration of the International Ocean Drilling Program (IODP), and the Ocean Drilling Coordinating Office would work to create mission-specific opportunities to drill beneath the ocean floor and expand research on existing ocean core samples.

TEXAS A&M MARITIME ACADEMY $132.8 MILLION

The Texas A&M Maritime Academy, one of six federally recognized state maritime academies, receives annual funding from MARAD, including direct support assistance, fuel assistance, student incentive program funding, ship sharing funding, and funding to support the National Security Multi-Mission Vessel (NSMV) program. Continued federal support for this program is critical to ensure the nation's maritime workforce is well prepared for the future.

FEDERAL NIL LEGISLATION

College athletics continues to be at a crossroad, particularly regarding federal Name, Image, and Likeness legislation, that deeply impacts student athletes, their families, and universities alike. While we greatly appreciate the Executive Orders and several legislative proposals that have sought to provide guardrails and guidance on this issue over the past five years, we continue to urge Congress to pass federal legislation that would pre-empt a patchwork of over 30 state laws, provide limited liability protection for universities, and ensure that student athletes remain students first and foremost.

NO. 1 RESEARCH UNIVERSITY IN TEXAS, TOP 25 NATIONALLY

The National Science Foundation's Higher Education Research and Development survey ranks Texas A&M's research and development expenditures as No. 1 in Texas and the SEC, 13th among public universities and 22nd overall.

In FY 2024, the nearly $1.4 billion - a number now approaching $1.6 billion - accounted for nearly 18% of all research spending at Texas public universities. That means nearly one out of every five research dollars invested in Texas public universities is enstrusted to Texas A&M.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION HERD SURVEY

#1 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN TEXAS AND THE SEC

#12 NATIONALLY among public institutions

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HIGHEST ROI AMONG TEXAS PUBLICS

A bachelor's degree from Texas A&M has the highest return on investment among Texas public universities as noted by The Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity.

Texas A&M graduates can expect to earn $51,963 on average one year after completing an undergraduate degree program, compared to the state average of $47,340. That's the highest in the state of Texas and 9.3% higher than the national average.

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