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Dear Colleagues,

The Research Shuffle - You can't tell the players without a program:

Lots of changes in the Research Office…….. We welcome Dr. Scott Trasti, DVM, who is the new attending veterinarian and Director of the LARC. Dr. Trasti arrived March 1st, and is making rounds meeting faculty and staff.

Dr. Raj Koul has joined the office as an Assistant Vice President, also effect March 1st. In his new capacity, Dr. Koul will be responsible for assisting TTUHSC Office of Research in the areas of research administration, training and education, operational activities and faculty affairs. His focus will be on promoting scholarly activities of faculty conducting clinical and behavioral sciences research. Specifically, he will play a role in interdisciplinary approaches to research and problem-solving that synergizes and facilitates collaborative efforts.

Beth Taraban was promoted to the position of Assistant Vice President for Research Integrity. Beth, who holds Psychology degrees from Carnegie Mellon and Texas Tech, has been with the TTUHSC Office of Research since 2003, first serving as an IRB Administrator and then as the Director of the Research Integrity Office since its formation in 2007. Beth led the team that obtained accreditation for TTUHSC’s human research protection program in 2015. In this new role, Beth will consolidate the compliance functions of the Office of Research, including policy development, oversight, and training for research with humans, animals, stem cells, biological and chemical agents and recombinant/synthetic DNA, as well as a new initiative to oversee quality improvement projects conducted for scholarly activity. The Research Integrity division of the Office of Research will also oversee scientific integrity.

THE WEBSITE:
As you can see April was a big month here; if you would like an easy way to keep up on Research News and funding agencies changes, keep an eye on the newsfeed on the TTUHSC RESEARCH webpage. It’s on the right-hand side.  

https://www.ttuhsc.edu/research/

We also archive all of our videos from training presentations on the website.
A recent addition is: SBIR STTR Feb 19 *How To Obtain Federal Funds for Research that is Commercializable: The SBIR/STTR Program*

National Academy of Inventors:

TTUHSC is now a member Institution of the National Academy of Inventors. If you have a patent portfolio and wish to be nominated for membership in the NAI, please let the Research Office know.  

CAMP TTUHSC:

Dr. Hutson is leading the effort to develop a summer science camp for local high school students. We have appointed a committee of faculty from all the schools and have had one meeting to begin to think about how to organize the camp. We have also visited some of the local high schools to get their input. We would like this to be a program where any faculty who are interested can become involved. If you have ideas and/or prior experience with a summer science camp, please contact us. Having as much input as possible at this early stage of development, will greatly ensure success. Contact information: jim.hutson@ttuhsc.edu

Our grant portfolio continued to grow and we will be posting new data on the website. All good wishes and thanks for your support of TTUHSC research.