The Chancellor and Presidents of TTU, TTUHSC, and TTUHSC El Paso, announce a new initiative that is designed to stimulate the expansion of collaborative sponsored federal research across the System. Many exciting opportunities for research programs are now found in interdisciplinary areas that require close interactions among scientists with different types of scientific expertise. This initiative is designed to capture that excitement by providing up to $50,000 per award to develop collaborative projects involving faculty from at least two of the three participating TTUS institutions (TTUHSC/TTUHSC-EP and TTU). Up to four awards will be made this year. The goal and expectation is that the institutional support for each collaborative research grant will lead to submission of a competitive proposal to a major federal funding agency within 18 months.

An informational meeting will be held in Lubbock (ACB 100) noon on June 9, all TTUHSC campuses and in El Paso on June 9, 2015 to discuss the initiative and answer questions from interested faculty.

Faculty from TTU and TTUHSC will meet in the same room in Lubbock and we will Tech-Link to EP. Dr. Rotwein (EP) will make the presentation.

The timeline for applications is as follows:

- Applications should be submitted by July 24, 2015.
- Decisions will be made and awards announced by the week of August 17, 2015.
- Start date will be on or about September 1, 2015.