

## THE SEARCH



Texas Tech University (Texas Tech) and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) seek a strategic, visionary leader to serve as the first Executive Director (ED) for One Health Innovation. The Institute for One Health Innovation, the first joint institute between the two institutions, was established in 2023 with the vision of becoming the preeminent entity for recruiting and training scientists and health professionals as future leaders of transdisciplinary, transformational One Health research and healthcare worldwide.

The ED will work closely with executive leadership (Texas Tech Provost & Vice President for Research, TTUHSC Provost & Senior Vice President for Research) to strategize, energize, and lead the Institute for One Health Innovation, working collaboratively with faculty and staff across both institutions.

**TTU and TTUHSC seek an Executive Director with the experience and vision to provide strategic leadership to enable the Institute for One Health Innovation to grow and thrive in a rapidly evolving environment.**

# TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY



Established by legislative action on February 10, 1923, and originally called Texas Technological College until 1969, TTU is the largest comprehensive institution of higher education in the western two-thirds of the state of Texas. A public research university with very high research activity, Texas Tech is a designated Hispanic-serving institution, and it boasts the fifth-highest student enrollment among all public Texas universities. It is the major institution of higher education in a region larger than 46 of the nation's 50 states and is the only campus in Texas that is home to a major university, law school, veterinary school, and medical school. The university is made up of 13 colleges and schools, offering more than 150 undergraduate degrees, 100 graduate degrees, and 50 doctoral degrees. The Texas Tech campus setting features Spanish Renaissance architecture and was described by American author James A. Michener as the "most beautiful west of the Mississippi until you get to Stanford" and by Stewart Mandel of Sports Illustrated as "easily one of the ten most beautiful campuses" he'd ever seen. Many newly constructed buildings qualify for LEED certification yet maintain the consistent Spanish Renaissance theme throughout campus.

The university has been investing heavily in next generation facilities to support its continued growth. In December 2021, Texas Tech broke ground on a \$100 million Academic Sciences building. Opening in 2023, the 125,000 square foot facility will be built in the same Spanish Renaissance style



prominent on campus and will house teaching and laboratory space for five departments within the College of Arts & Sciences. Recently completed projects include the new research-focused 117,000 square foot [Experimental Sciences Building II](#), which opened in fall of 2021, significantly expanding the university's research capabilities.

## TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER



TTUHSC educates students, provides patient care, and conducts biomedical and clinical research. We are a Hispanic Serving Institution with nationally recognized for innovative programs, academic achievement, and cutting-edge research. TTUHSC is a Carnegie 4-year Special Focus university and is training the next generation of highly qualified health professionals to translate innovative ideas to improve the health of our patients and communities.

West Texas is comprised of 13 percent of the state's total population, and TTUHSC provides premier healthcare to over three million people in over 100 counties in West Texas. We educate and development academic, research, patient care, and community service programs to meet the health care needs of the region. But the university's impact doesn't end there.

With locations, institutes, and centers across Texas, state-of-the-art technology and revolutionary medical discoveries, TTUHSC's influence extends around the globe. TTUHSC is comprised of six schools (School of Medicine, School of Pharmacy, School of Health Professions, School of Nursing, School of Population and Public Health, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences), providing education, conducting research, and providing health care across six regional campuses.

TTUHSC is a values-driven institution which is reflected in our Mission and Vision statements:

**VISION:** Transform health care through innovation and collaboration.

**MISSION:** As a comprehensive health sciences center, our mission is to enrich the lives of others by educating students to become collaborative health care professionals, providing excellent patient care, and advancing knowledge through innovative research.

**VALUES:** TTUHSC began its journey to create a sustainable, values-based culture in the spring of 2018. After an initial summit, more than 2,600 TTUHSC team members gave valuable input, from which our core values were established:

**ONE TEAM:** Unite and include diverse perspectives to achieve our mission.

**KINDHEARTED:** Exceed expectations with a kind heart, helping hands, and a positive attitude.

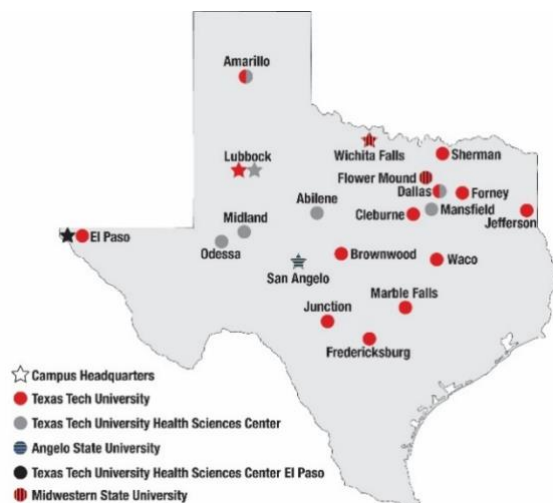
**INTEGRITY:** Be honorable and trustworthy even when no one is looking.

**VISIONARY:** Nurture innovative ideas, bold explorations, and a pioneering spirit.

**BEYOND SERVICE:** Create and deliver positive defining moments.

## TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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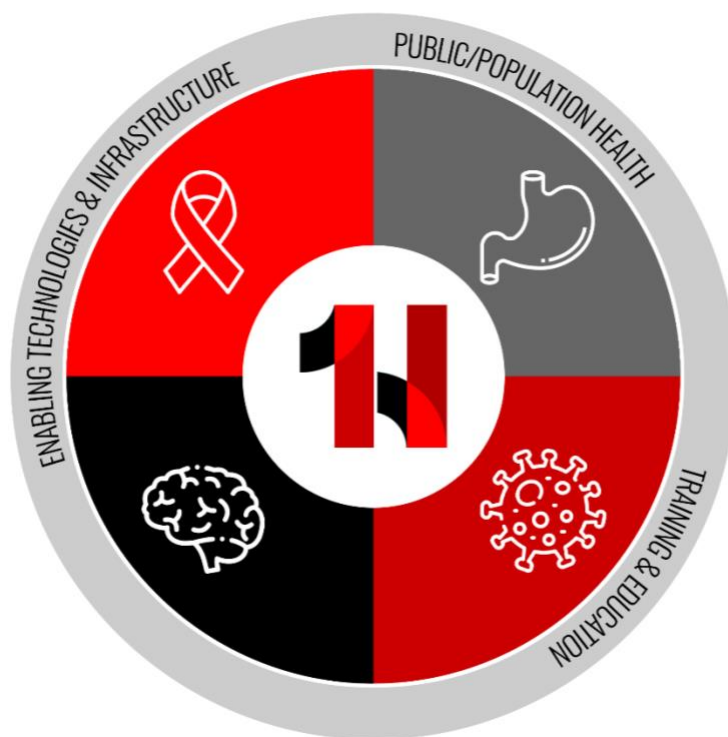
The [Texas Tech University System \(TTUS\)](#) consists of a central administrative, two health-related institutions, and three general academic institutions. Collectively, the TTU System is a \$2.5 billion enterprise focused on advancing higher education, health care, research, and outreach with approximately 21,000 employees, more than 63,000 students, nearly 370,000 alumni, and an endowment valued at \$1.7 billion. Established in 1996, the TTU System has grown tremendously in its short history and is nationally acclaimed operating at 24 academic locations statewide and internationally. In addition, the TTU System is *one of only nine* in the nation to offer programs for undergraduate, medical, law, nursing, dental, and veterinary education, among other academic areas.

In 2022, the TTU System established a values-based culture in order to commit to cultivating an exceptional workplace community with a positive culture that puts people first. The five core values – **People First, Integrity, Community, Respect, Exemplary Service** – are integral to the TTU System purpose, and we aim to align with those values on a daily basis.

## THE INSTITUTE FOR ONE HEALTH INNOVATION

Humans are just one part of a greater ecosystem. One Health allows researchers from a variety of disciplines to examine the way humans, animals, and the environment interact and affect each other, leading to profound discoveries that impact the health of our world. Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center are building bridges between physicians, veterinarians, environmental scientists, engineers, nutritionists, and public health professionals to promote, improve, and defend the health and well-being of all species.

The Texas Tech University System-Wide Institute for One Health Innovation serves the public by training professionals in the sciences and health professions who are experienced in leading transdisciplinary research that promotes the health and wellbeing of humans, animals, and ecosystems, and by developing innovative solutions to today's most pressing One Health problems. The culture of the institute operates at the speed of relevance, expediting the translation of research to practice and discovery for the public good. The vision is for the Institute for One Health Innovation to be the preeminent entity in West Texas, for recruiting and training scientists and health professional as future leaders of transdisciplinary, transformational One Health research and healthcare worldwide.



Faculty currently affiliated with the One Health Institute focus on research in Cancer, Metabolic Health, Neurological Disorders, and Zoonotic and Infectious Diseases. Workshops for each research focus are planned in the coming months to ensure better coordination among and across TTUS institutions.



## LOCATION

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Lubbock is in the northwestern part of Texas and is the 11th most populous city in the state with a population of nearly 300,000. A city rich with culture and diversity, more than 30 percent of the population is Hispanic or Latino. Lubbock's nickname, "Hub City," derives from it being the economic, education, and health care hub of the multicounty region, north of the Permian Basin and south of the Texas Panhandle, commonly called the South Plains. The area is the largest contiguous cotton-growing region in the world, while at the same time start a small business by CNNMoney, due to its central location, low rent for commercial space, and cooperative city government.

## THE ROLE

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The Executive Director (ED) for One Health Innovation is a distinctive opportunity for a visionary leader to shape and define the development of a nascent institute. The ED will lead the Institute for One Health Innovation faculty teams to pursue federal funding for research and education that is transdisciplinary across human health, animal health, and ecosystem health and will lead the development and accreditation of One Health curricular programs. The curricula being developed will align with the Institute for One Health Innovation research foci. The ED will develop a strategic plan for the Institute for One Health Innovation, with key research and curriculum milestones and funding goals.

It will be the responsibility of the ED to market this Institute to regional, state, and national significance to solicit state and federal support, highlighting the innovative research and unique clinical populations of the Institute for One Health Innovation. The ED will oversee the development and management of a new research and academic building to house researchers appointed to the Institute for One Health Innovation with faculty appointments at System universities.



## QUALIFICATIONS & CHARACTERISTICS



Texas Tech and TTUHSC seek a visionary, innovative leader, with a deep record of building internal and external partnerships and federal funding. The ED will bring experience building and developing proactive, results-driven teams and leading funded research programs. Texas Tech and TTUHSC seek a connector, someone with a record of working across disciplines and functions and with researchers in academic, clinical, and federal settings.

While no candidate will likely have all preferred qualifications, strong candidates will have many of the following qualifications:

- Ph.D. in an appropriate health and life sciences research field
- Strong history of federal funding for One Health-related research (NIH preferred)
- Experience leading large research centers and/or programs
- Knowledge of or past experience with working in a general academic campus and/or a health sciences center
- Experience building relationships and bridging programs across multiple institutional partners
- Experience leading a program or directorate within a federal agency
- Experience as a higher education administrator on a research-intensive university campus