




# Dr. Courtney Queen appointed Associate Dean for Strategic Partnerships for TTUHSC SPPH

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Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) is proud to announce the appointment of Courtney M. Queen, PhD, as the new Associate Dean for Strategic Partnerships for the Julia Jones Matthews School of Population and Public Health (JJMSPPH). In her new role, Dr. Queen will be instrumental in developing mission-critical academic, community, and corporate partnerships, focusing how JJMSPPH can best serve the communities of West Texas. She will create pipelines to guide students into current and planned degree programs and work with communities, organizations, and corporations to aid graduates towards further education or workforce opportunities.



Dr. Queen, who will maintain her faculty appointment at JJMSPPH, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to her new position. She is a Fulbright Scholar, an NIH National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities scholar, and a Health Equity Leadership Institute scholar, she has dedicated her career to eliminating health disparities for medically underserved populations, particularly those in rural and hard-to-reach areas. Her innovative research aims to develop non-invasive, low-cost, end-user devices for the early detection and management of diseases, significantly impacting public health outcomes. Dr. Queen will continue her crucial work with the JJMSPPH Community Advisory Board, building new markets and enhancing relationships with potential future employers of TTUHSC graduates.

In addition to her research, Dr. Queen is deeply involved in increasing healthcare access through the implementation of end-user technologies. She has served as a TTUHSC Faculty Senator and a Faculty Ambassador and Mentor to the Texas Tech University Innovation Hub, promoting technology development, leadership, research, and entrepreneurship in public health and the biomedical sciences. Dr. Queen's leadership and vision will be vital as JJMSPPH strengthens its partnerships and prepares students for successful careers in population and public health.