

Dear Red Raider Family,

Last month, I <u>announced</u> another record year for research and scholarship at Texas Tech University. Our total research expenditures were over \$230 million, and our federal awards were \$83 million, an increase of more than 100% since 2018.

As we begin our second century, we are focused on building our federal research expenditures to a point that compares favorably with the top public universities nationwide. How will we do that? With anticipated support from the Texas University Fund (TUF).

The TUF, on the Nov. 7 ballot as Proposition 5, provides an opportunity for us to significantly increase our investments in research and maximize the impact that research and scholarship have on our region and state.

In anticipation of the benefits provided by the TUF, we have begun planning for continued investment in our areas of strength, and we will work collaboratively with the campus community to identify new areas of research and scholarship. This planning process will guide our investment of support for faculty and student research, equipment, and efforts that promote commercialization and innovation. We will leverage the TUF to increase federal and external research support and advance our long-term plans to achieve the characteristics associated with members of the Association of American Universities (AAU).

The National Research University Fund propelled Texas Tech towards Carnegie R1 status; likewise, the TUF will move us to new heights in research and scholarship.

Early voting for the Nov. 7 election is underway, now through Friday, Nov. 3. I encourage you to <u>read more</u> about the transformations that are possible at Texas Tech with the financial support provided by the TUF.

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