



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 11, 2020

To: Administration, Deans, Chairs, Faculty

From: Lawrence Schovanec, President
Michael Galyean, Provost
Joseph A. Heppert, Vice President for Research
& Innovation

Re: Presidential Departmental Excellence in Safety Award

Last year, the Offices of the President, Provost, and Vice President for Research & Innovation announced the creation of a new annual award recognizing departments and academic units for their commitment to the continuous improvement of safety culture on campus.

In late October, I was pleased to present the first Presidential Departmental Excellence in Safety Award to the Department of Environmental Toxicology at The Institute for Environmental and Human Health (TIEHH). The Department of Toxicology has a commendable safety history and an ever-evolving safety culture. The \$25,000 award will allow the department to continue improving its safety programs.

Thank you to all faculty, staff and students of Environmental Toxicology for your commitment to safety within your scholarly activities. Please join us in sharing our congratulations.

The faculty, staff and students of Environmental Toxicology have played a critical role throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. TIEHH was the first lab in the state of Texas to go online and provide essential support for testing samples for the coronavirus, a service it continues to provide today.

Thank you to each department that applied for the Safety Award. We look forward to continuing to support the growth of the safety culture on campus through this award and other initiatives.

Applications for the [Presidential Departmental Excellence in Safety Award](#) for the 2020 award cycle are now being accepted. Submissions are due by Friday, January 29, 2021.



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