

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 1, 2023

TO: Faculty

FROM: Lawrence Schovanec, President

Ronald Hendrick, Provost

Joseph A. Heppert, Vice President for

Research & Innovation

RE: Presidential Departmental Excellence in

Safety Award Opens

The Offices of the President, Provost, and Vice President for Research & Innovation support an annual award recognizing departments and academic units for their exemplary commitment to the continuous improvement of a positive safety culture on our campus. The \$25,000 award allows the receiving department to continue safety program improvement.

It is once again our pleasure to announce the opening of the application cycle for the <u>Presidential Departmental Excellence in Safety Award</u>. Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 22, 2024.

Within the application, submitters showcase evidence of their improvements and excellence in safety, discuss how they have integrated safety into scholarly activities and propose a plan for use of the award funds to further safety programs. All university departments and academic units are encouraged to apply for the award. Past recipients of the award must wait five years before a new application may be submitted. Academic units may reach out to <a href="Environmental Health & Safety">Environmental Health & Safety</a> for safety metrics for applications.

Thank you to all past submitters and recipients of the award for your continued commitment to improving the safety culture at Texas Tech University.

