
AGENDA

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM ACADEMIC, RESEARCH, AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Thursday, November 20, 2025

TIME: 10:15 AM

PLACE: Four Seasons Hotel Houston
3rd Floor, Ballroom Salon B
1300 Lamar St
Houston, TX 77010

Chair: Beth Madison

Vice Chair: Patrick Fertitta

Members: Alonzo Cantu
Gregory C. King
Lynden Rose

Adrian Caraves – Non-Voting

Ex Officio: Jack B. Moore

I. **Academic, Research, and Student Success Committee**

Presenter: Chair Beth Madison

A. Call to Order

Presenter: Chair Beth Madison

B. Approval of Committee Minutes

-August 21, 2025, Academic, Research, and Student Success Committee Meeting

Action: Approval

Presenter: Chair Beth Madison

C. Request for Approval of Faculty Hire with Tenure – University of Houston System

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Action: Approval

Presenter: Dr. Diane Chase, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

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Action: Approval

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Action: Approval

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Action: Approval

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- H. Request for Approval and Introduction of University Dean – University of 19
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Action: Approval

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- I. Approval is requested for the creation of a Foundation to support the Gerald D. 21
Hines College of Architecture and Design – University of Houston

Action: Approval

Presenter: Dona Cornell, Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs, General Counsel

- J. Presentation of Low Producing Programs Report – University of Houston 23
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Action: Information

Presenter: Dr. Diane Chase, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

- K. Report on Sponsored Contracts and Grants over \$1M – University of Houston25
System

Action: Information

Presenter: Dr. Claudia Neuhauser, Vice President/Vice Chancellor for Research

- L. Research Faculty Presentation – University of Houston 33

Action: Information

Presenter: Dr. Diane Chase, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

- M. Success Story – University of Houston 34

Action: Information

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II. **Executive Session**

Presenter: Chair Beth Madison

- A. 1. Consultation with System Attorney Regarding Legal Matters, and/or Contemplated Litigation or Settlement Offers.
Texas Gov't Code Section 551.071
- 2. Deliberations regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Sale or Value of Real Property.
Texas Gov't Code Section 551.072
- 3. Deliberation Regarding a Prospective Gift.
Texas Gov't Code Section 551.073
- 4. Personnel Matters Relating to appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Assignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of Officers or Employees including but not limited to the Chancellor, Presidents, Vice Chancellors, in the Division of Athletics and members of the Board of Regents.
Texas Gov't Code Section 551.074

III. **Report and Action from Executive Session**

Presenter: Chair Beth Madison

IV. **Adjourn**

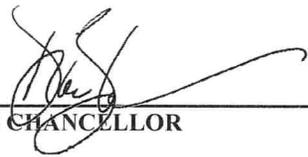
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA

COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success
ITEM: Request for Approval of Faculty Hire with Tenure – University of Houston
DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

Board approval is requested for faculty hire with tenure recommendation. After rigorous review, the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and respective President recommend promotion to the Chancellor who then makes recommendations to the Board.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Faculty Promotion Information
FISCAL NOTE: None
RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED: Administration recommends approval of this item
COMPONENT: University of Houston

		<u>11/17/25</u>
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		<u>11/07/2025</u>
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FACULTY HIRES WITH TENURE
University of Houston
BOR November 2025

College/Department	Name	Present (or Prior) Rank/Institution	Recommended Rank at UH
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics/Chemistry	Gregory Dudley, PhD	Tenured Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at West Virginia University	Tenured Professor and Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Graduate College of Social Work	Yarneccia Dyson, PhD	Tenured Professor/Executive Director & Head of the School of Social Work at North Carolina State University at Raleigh	Tenured Professor and Dean of the Graduate College of Social Work
College of Engineering/ Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering	Rakesh Agrawal, PhD	Tenured Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering at Purdue University	Tenured Professor in the Brookshire Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and the inaugural holder of the Shell Endowed Chair in Energy Transition

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
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COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success

ITEM: Request for Approval of Faculty Development Leave – University of Houston

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SUMMARY:

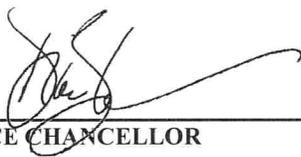
Faculty Development Leave (FDL) proposals. FDL's enable the faculty member to undertake "study, research, writing, and similar projects for the purpose of adding to the knowledge" in ways that improve the productivity and competitiveness of the faculty, university, and state.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Administration recommends approval of this item

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University of Houston
Faculty Development Leave Applications
Board of Regents Meeting
November 2025

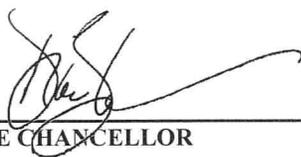
Faculty Name	College	Department	Faculty Title	Term	Pay (full/1/2)	Leave Reason
Conra Gist	College of Education	Curriculum and Instruction	Professor	Calendar Yr 2026	Half Pay	To shift research focus from studying grow your own program designs in general, to now begin investigating more specifically, the creation of restorative educator development and practitioner networks that better equip and sustain future and current educators.
Praveen Bollini	College of Engineering	Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering	Associate Professor	Spring 2026	Full Pay	Develop international collaborations with prominent faculty at ETH Zurich, expanding research efforts in chemical looping natural gas conversation and CO2 capture.
Monit Cheung	Social Work		Professor	Spring 2026	Full Pay	Engage in a project entitled "Integrating Evidence from Evaluating Guided Imagery Interactive Website into Clinical Practice." Outcomes will include: 1) posting an innovative method to engage children with special needs in an interactive website with 50 bilingual guided imagery (GI) audio files; 2) completing the website design with an evaluation component for professionals' input; 3) completing a GI user manual for professionals with procedures and evaluation data for supporting a research/training grant on child and family interventions
Julie Derges	College of the Arts	Moores School of Music	Associate Professor	Fall 2026	Full Pay	Expand research areas to focus on music teacher preparation and certification focusing on three subtopics: elementary music teacher transition, elementary music teacher longevity, and the relevance of undergraduate coursework in current job requirements for elementary school music teachers.
Ji Yeon Lee	College of the Arts	Moores School of Music	Associate Professor	Fall 2026	Full Pay	Work on a book project based on her long-standing research on Korean diaspora composers, focusing on three generations of post-war Korean Composers.
Rex Koontz	College of the Arts	School of Art	Professor	Fall 2026	Full Pay	Complete a large portion of a current book project in art history titled <i>Constructing an Art History for Texas: Art Exhibition Narratives at the Texas State Fair in the 1930s</i> .
Joshua Unikel	College of the Arts	School of Art	Associate Professor	Academic Year 26-27	Half Pay	Complete two major scholarly projects on the exterminated Cretan Jewish community during WWII. The first is a book, <i>Tanais: Biography of a Ship Sunk in the Archive</i> . The second, <i>Evidenc</i> , is a body of visual work—including prints and a book that engages with themes of loss, memory, and genocide.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
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COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success
ITEM: Request for Approval to Revise the Freshman Admission Standards –
University of Houston
DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:
SUMMARY:

**SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION:**

FISCAL NOTE: None
**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Administration recommends approval of this item
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FTIC Assured Admission Criteria



Approval Requested for Changes to the University's Undergraduate (FTIC) Assured Admission Criteria

University of Houston – New Criteria Proposed for students starting on or after Summer 2027

The University has experienced unprecedented growth in applications and FTIC enrollments over the last two years.

As the university has grown in popularity it needs to alter the assured admission standards to remain competitive and continue progressing toward the university's overarching goals.

The state of Texas mandates that the University of Houston assure admission to Texas residents graduating in the Top 10% of their High School Class. Additional assured pathways are at the discretion of the university to determine.



Current Assured Admission Criteria through Spring 2027

Assured Pathway 1	26-50% Rank + 1170 SAT or 3.45 GPA
Assured Pathway 2	11-25% Rank + 1080 SAT or 3.4 GPA
Assured Pathway 3	Top 10%

Proposed Criteria Change to begin in Summer 2027

Assured Pathway 1	3.50+ GPA
Assured Pathway 2	1250+ on SAT or 26+ ACT
Assured Pathway 3	Top 10%

The University of Houston will continue to use recalculated unweighted GPA using English, math, science and social studies for assured admission consideration.

Applicants who do not qualify for assured admission are considered via a holistic individual review process.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
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COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success

ITEM: Request for Approval of Honorary Degree – University of Houston-Downtown

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

The University of Houston-Downtown requests approval to confer honorary degrees to individuals who have made significant contributions to the community and the University.

**SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION:**

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Administration recommends approval of this item

COMPONENT: University of Houston-Downtown



November 10, 2025

PRESIDENT

Loren J. Blanchard

DATE



11/07/2025

SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR

Diane Z. Chase

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Honorary Degree Nominee
University of Houston-Downtown
November 20, 2025

Marilyn Davies

Marilyn Davies is a visionary entrepreneur, philanthropist, and advocate for higher education whose leadership has left an indelible mark on Houston's business and academic communities. A native Houstonian, Davies serves as Chief Executive Officer of Bailey Banks Seismic, L.P., a proprietary seismic data company that provides critical geophysical data to the energy industry.

After earning her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Texas Tech University in 1970, Davies began her career in computer sales before entering the oil and gas industry in 1980, a move that would define her professional path. When the energy market declined in the early 1980s, Davies demonstrated both foresight and resilience by purchasing the assets of Bailey Banks Seismic from a former employer. In 1991, she founded her own seismic data brokerage, marketing exploration data to major energy companies. Today, her firm manages the Professional Geophysics Inc. database, which includes over 25,000 miles of exploration data spanning basins across the United States.

Davies' enduring connection to the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD) began when she took summer classes at South Texas Junior College, which later became UHD. Her admiration for the institution deepened as she witnessed her family's success - her son, Taylor Davies, earned a bachelor's degree in political science, and her brother, Kelly Davies, completed both his bachelor's degree in political science and later a Master of Security Management with a concentration in Cybersecurity.

Inspired by UHD students' perseverance and dedication, Davies made history with a \$10 million gift to the University, the largest in UHD's history establishing the Marilyn Davies College of Business. This landmark endowment not only elevated UHD's capacity to serve its students and faculty but also created the first college of business in Texas named for a woman, and only the fourth nationally.

In addition to her transformative philanthropy, Davies has been deeply engaged in professional and civic life. She has served on the Texas Christian University Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences Board of Visitors and has been active in organizations such as the Houston West Business Breakfast Club, Sales & Marketing Executives International – Houston Chapter, and Junior Achievement. A long-standing member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists for more than four decades, she has also advised the professional sales and marketing fraternity Pi Sigma Epsilon at both Sam Houston State University and the University of Houston.

Through her business leadership and enduring commitment to education, Marilyn Davies continues to inspire future generations of students and professionals to pursue excellence, resilience, and purpose in their fields.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
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COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success

ITEM: Approval is requested for the University of Houston System Board of Regents Academic, Research, and Student Success Committee Charter

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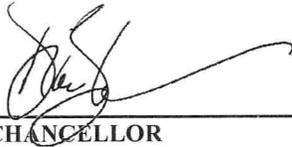
Per UH System Board of Regents Bylaws 5.2.1, the charters of the standing committees should be reviewed by the committee annually and updated as necessary subject to approval by the Board.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Administration recommends approval of this item

COMPONENT: University of Houston System



SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR

Diane Z. Chase

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Academic, Research, and Student Success Committee

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- (e) monitor student success indices and review and approve programs aimed at increasing retention and graduation rates and student satisfaction;
- (f) review the research agenda and priorities and review and accept reports on research contracts and grants;
- (g) review and accept reports on the service mission, including academically related activities in community engagement;
- (h) review and recommend approval on matters concerning the library, technology, intellectual property, and emerging issues;
- (i) review and recommend approval of certain academic personnel actions; and
- (j) consider and make recommendation on any other matters that arise concerning academic, research, and student success.

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**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
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COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success

ITEM: Request for Approval and Introduction of University Dean – University of Houston

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Bio

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Administration recommends approval of this item

COMPONENT: University of Houston

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University of Houston System Board of Regents

Introduction

Organization: University of Houston

Type of Appointment:	Appointment
Name:	Dr. Arash Bashirullah
To Title:	Dean, College of Pharmacy
Effective Date:	January 1, 2026

Biographical Sketch:

Pending approval by the University of Houston System Board of Regents, Dr. Arash Bashirullah will become dean of the University of Houston College of Pharmacy, one of UH's oldest colleges and among Texas' first pharmacy schools. He is expected to assume the role on January 1, 2026.

Dr. Bashirullah currently serves as professor and associate dean for research and graduate education at the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Pharmacy, where he also directs the Lachman Institute for Pharmaceutical Development. An accomplished educator and researcher, he has earned numerous honors, including three Teacher of the Year awards and recognition as a Kavli Fellow by the National Academy of Sciences.

His research focuses on the regulation of hormonal signaling and the mechanisms of intracellular lipid trafficking, with implications for neurodegenerative diseases. His work has been widely published in leading scientific journals and presented internationally. He also serves as senior advisory editor for *Genetics*, the flagship journal of the Genetics Society of America.

Before joining UW–Madison, Dr. Bashirullah completed postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Utah and Yale University. He earned a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Winnipeg and a Ph.D. in Biology from the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Bashirullah will succeed F. Lamar Pritchard, who has led the college since 2009 and will continue to serve on the faculty.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
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COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success

ITEM: Approval is requested for the creation of a Foundation to support the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design - University of Houston

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

Approval is requested for the creation of a Foundation to support the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design, at the University of Houston, with applied research, community engagement, and its design/build program.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

FISCAL NOTE: None

**RECOMMENDATION/
ACTION REQUESTED:** Information

COMPONENT: University of Houston

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BUILD+ CORPORATION

Build+ Corporation is a non-profit corporation formed to assist the University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design with applied research, community engagement, and its design/build program. It is not an independent corporation but rather it is affiliated with both UH and the College.

The Build+ Corporation currently has ongoing projects with Petmate for UH students to design, create, and develop innovative pet products such as pet enclosures, toys, or food storage and the Houston Zoo to design, fabricate, construct, and install a permanent electronics recycling education exhibit, as well as mobile educational displays.

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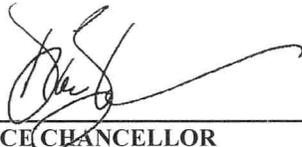
COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success
ITEM: Presentation of Low Producing Programs Report – University of Houston System

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

Presentation of report on programs identified as low producing at University of Houston System institutions.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Report
FISCAL NOTE: None
RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION REQUESTED: Information
COMPONENT: University of Houston System



SENIOR VICE CHANCELLOR

Diane Z. Chase

11/07/2025

DATE



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**LOW-PRODUCING PROGRAMS REPORT
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM**

Low Producing Programs in 2025

Institution	Program	Recommendation
University of Houston	MA Architectural Studies	Discontinue (closure)
University of Houston	LLM Intellectual Property and Information Law	Continue on monitoring
University of Houston-Clear Lake	BS/MS Professional Accounting	Place on monitoring status

Academic and Student Success Committee

11/20/2025

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COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success
ITEM: Report on Sponsored Contracts and Grants over \$1M – University of Houston System

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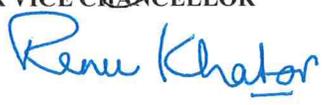
Dr. Claudia Neuhauser, Vice Chancellor for Research, will provide a report on sponsored contracts and grants over \$1M and highlight additional grants at the system institutions.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

FISCAL NOTE: None

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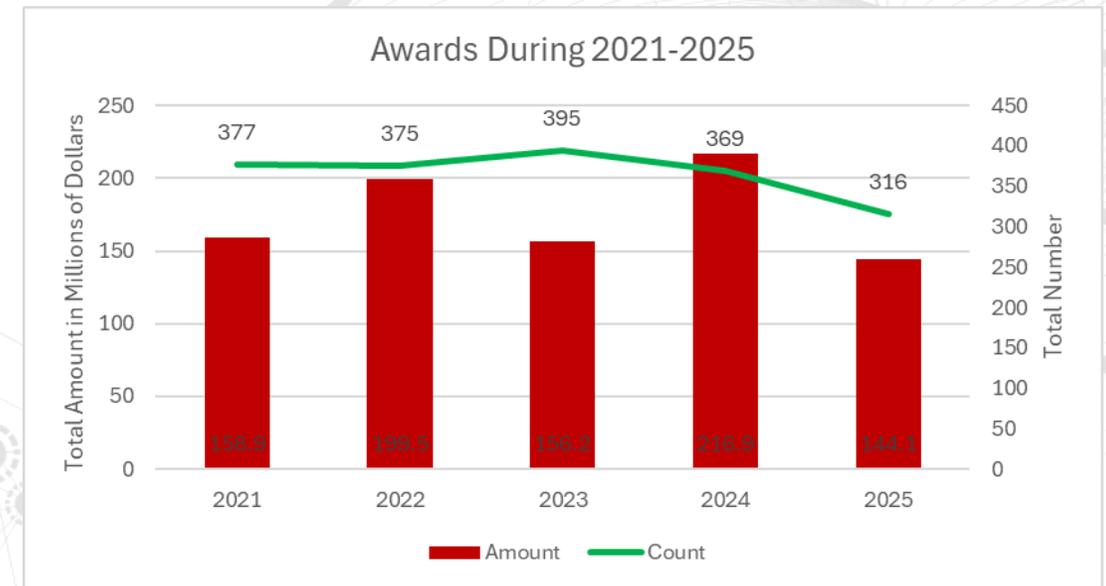
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Annual Report on Awards of \$1 Million or More

Claudia Neuhauser, PhD
VC/VP for Research
November 2025

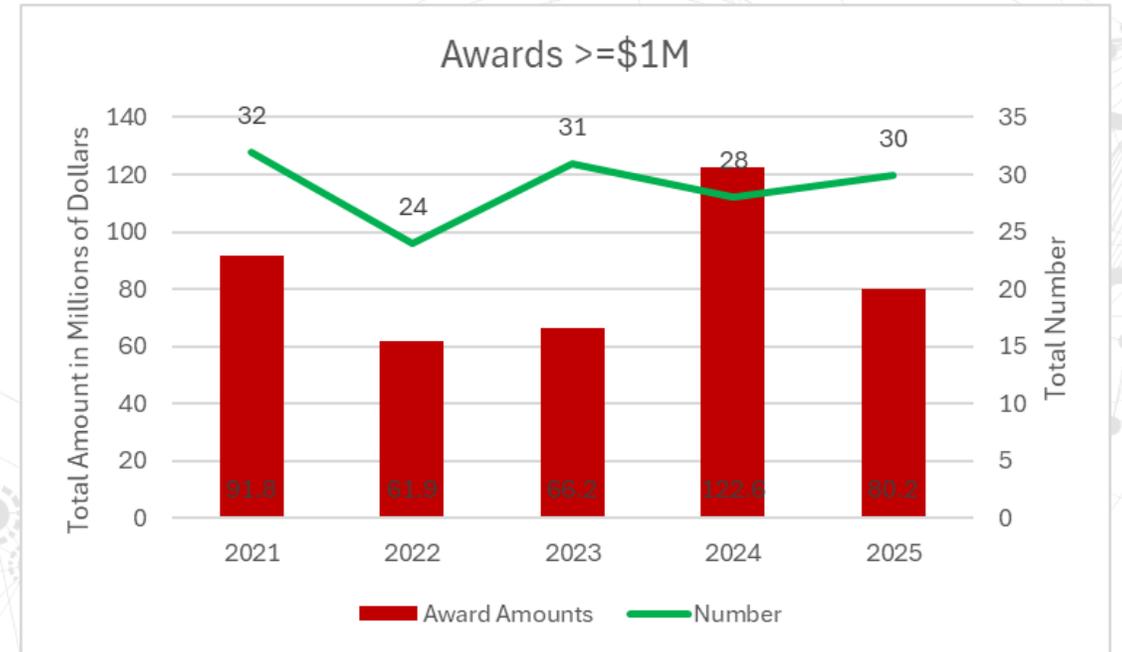
Awards During FY21-25

- During FY 21-25, UH received 1,832 awards for a total of \$874.8 Million
- Top Colleges in FY 25
 - Engineering: \$64.4 Million
 - Optometry: \$18.7 Million
 - Pharmacy: \$14.1 Million
 - NSM: \$14.0 Million
 - CLASS: \$13.4 Million
 - Other: \$19.5 Million



Awards: \$1 Million or More During FY 21-25

- During FY 21-25, UH received 145 awards of \$1M or more
 - Total projected award amounts: \$422.7 M
 - Average projected award amount: \$2.92 M
- In FY 25: 30 awards; total of \$80.2 M
 - Federal: 25 awards; total \$70.1 M
 - CPRIT: 2 awards; total \$4.2 M



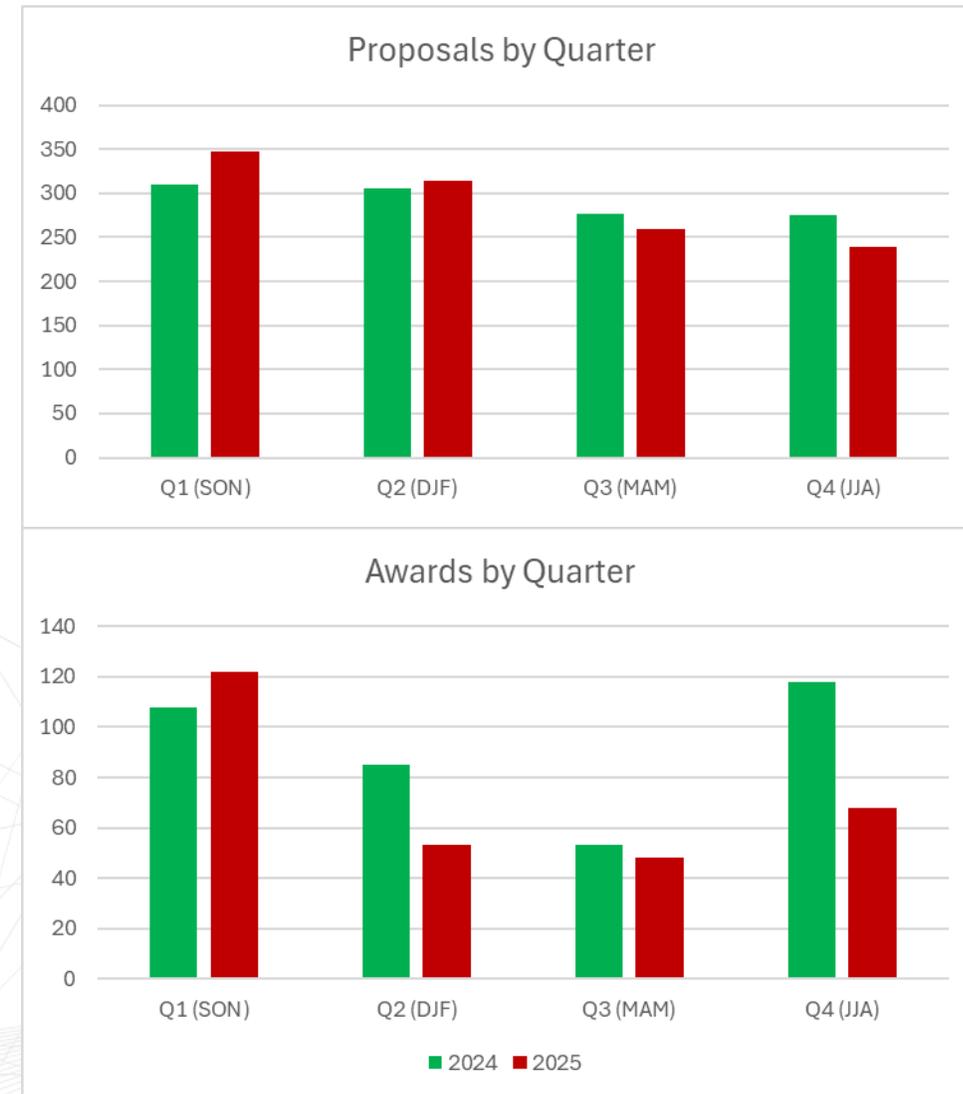
UH FY25 Award Highlights: \$1 Million or more

- Top Colleges (by total projected award amount)
 - Engineering (13): \$34.9 M
 - Optometry (6): \$14.2 M
 - Pharmacy (3): \$10.5 M
 - CLASS (4): \$10.3 M
 - COM (1): \$3.9 M
- The three largest awards in FY 25:
 - Dr. Navin Varadarajan, CCE (DoW): \$6.5 Million
 - Convergent Science Cancer Consortium for Immune Cell Engineering
 - Dr. Karolos Grigoriadis, CCE (NASA): \$5.0 Million
 - NASA Miro Inflatable Deployable Environments and Adaptive Space Systems (Ideas2) Center
 - Dr. Lorra Garey, CLASS (NIH): \$4.8 Million
 - A National Test of a Culturally Tailored mHealth Integrated Smoking Cessation and Mental Health Intervention for Black Adults with HIV



Federal Impact

- Proposals
 - FY24: 1,167 proposals for \$939.5M
 - FY25: 1,160 proposals for \$919.8M
- Awards
 - FY24: 364 awards for \$221.3M
 - FY25: 291 awards for \$137.8M



A Glimpse into the Future

- **Engineering:** UH is one of 23 institutions around the country, and the only one in Texas, that will share part of \$134 million from the U.S. Department of Energy. Venkat Selvamanickam, professor at UH's Cullen College of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and director of the Advanced Manufacturing Institute, received **\$8 million** to lead research on superconducting magnets
- **Optometry:** David Berntsen, co-principal investigator and Golden-Golden Professor of Optometry at UH receives **\$2.6 million** to delay the development of myopia
- **Optometry:** Professor John O'Brien, a leading expert on retinal neuroscience, received **\$2.6 million** from the National Eye Institute to continue more than 20 years of research on electrical synapses and gap junction plasticity, which affects not just the retina, but also a wide range of other neurological functions.
- **Pharmacy:** Gregory Cuny, Joseph P. & Shirley Shipman Buckley Endowed Professor of Drug Discovery at the University of Houston College of Pharmacy, received **\$3.9 million** in new support from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to lead a translational effort turning enzyme-targeting science into urgently needed treatments for Cryptosporidium infections — which are caused by a life-threatening pathogen and have no existing cure.



TO SERVE

We serve the research community by satisfying client requirements, ensuring research compliance, and protecting the University's intellectual and financial interests.

TO LEAD

We lead the university by managing institutional research priorities and supporting a broader view of individual and small-group research.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM
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COMMITTEE: Academic, Research, and Student Success

ITEM: Research Faculty Presentation – University of Houston

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

Presentation by Dr. Navin Varadarajan on receiving a \$6.5 million award for the Convergent Science Cancer Consortium for Immune Cell Engineering from the Department of Defense’s Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Presentation
FISCAL NOTE: None
**RECOMMENDATION/
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ITEM: Success Story Presentation – University of Houston

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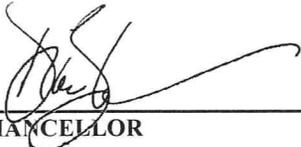
Presentation by Joshua Freed. Dr. Freed is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. He earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, after graduating from the University of Houston, Honors College with a B.A. in Political Science and a B.S. in Economics and being elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Freed previously served as a Student Regent on the University of Houston System Board of Regents. Before joining his current institution, he was a College Lecturer in Politics at Pembroke College, Oxford, and a Clayman Junior Research Fellow in Political Thought at St. Anne's College, Oxford.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION: Presentation

FISCAL NOTE: None

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