



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

## Office of the President

Oct. 10, 2014

Colleagues,

After consultation with the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System, the Office of Research, Commercialization and Federal Relations will now be known as the Office of Research Commercialization (ORC) and is moving under the Office of the Vice President for Research at Texas Tech University, effective today. Federal relations activities will remain at the TTU System.

Remaining a collaborative resource for all four universities in the TTU System, the ORC will be able to better serve faculty and departments through its new alignment with an established research and commercialization infrastructure at Texas Tech University. The ORC will continue to support research and commercialization activities at all campuses and universities of the TTU System. The transition also will more effectively and efficiently integrate the commercialization process into the academic fabric of each university, making the process more accommodating to the needs and concerns of the faculty.

While the ORC will be housed at Texas Tech University, presidents of each component institution will make their own decisions about how technology commercialization works best for their university. Additionally, faculty and departments can expect the same level of service as when this function was supported at the TTU System. Staff will be dedicated and available to all of the TTU System's components by either directly assisting with commercialization activities, or to offer advice on the process. There will be no modification or interruption in service throughout this transition.

Contact information will remain the same for the office, as well as its current location in the Tech Plaza building 19th Street and University Avenue. You can expect other changes, including a newly designed website, in the next few weeks.

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