

Vice President for Research & Innovation
Joseph A. Heppert

Executive Associate
Dahlia Guerra

Associate VPR&I
Abigail Swingen

Responsibilities: Internal funding programs; targeted external awards; internal research awards; outreach to humanities disciplines; Faculty Research Clubs

Associate VPR&I – Responsible Research
Alice Young

Responsibilities: safety compliance, responsible conduct of research, animal care, human research protection, investigator financial disclosure

Natural Fibers Research Initiatives
Executive Director
Eric F. Hequet

Responsibilities: collaborative research, natural fiber research, natural fiber production

Innovation Ecosystem

Innovation Hub at Research Park
Associate Vice President of Innovation & Entrepreneurship
Kimberly Gramm

Responsibilities: entrepreneurial programs, NSF I-Corps, startup incubator, Texas Tech Accelerator

Office of Research Commercialization
Interim Managing Director
Cameron Smith

Responsibilities: identify, protect, market and license the intellectual property created by faculty, staff and students in the Texas Tech University System

Northwest Texas Small Business Development Center
Director
Judy Wilhelm

Responsibilities: assistance in starting and growing small businesses, training for business operations

Office of Research Development & Communications
Assistant Vice President
Kay Tindle

Responsibilities: research development, research and academic communications, strategic initiatives

Finance and Administration
Senior Director
Michele Hamilton

Responsibilities: coordination and tracking of budget, startup requests, human resources

Office of Research Services
Assistant Vice President
Amy Cook

Responsibilities: pre-award services, negotiation of contracts, review of award documents before acceptance

Export and Security Compliance
Managing Director
William Wells

Responsibilities: inquiries related to regulatory issues, restricted party screening, technology control plans

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Center for Biotechnology and Genomics
Director
Yehia Mechref

Institute of Genomics for Crop Abiotic Stress Tolerance
Director
Luis Herrera-Estrella

Obesity Research Institute
Director
Naima Moustaid-Moussa

Texas Tech Neuromimaging Institute
Director
Eric Walden

National Wind Institute
Senior Director
John L. Schroeder

Free Market Institute
Director
Benjamin Powell

Global Laboratory for Energy Asset Management and Manufacturing (GLEAMM)
Director
Sandeep Nimmagadda

Institute for Materials, Manufacturing, and Sustainment (IMMS)
Director
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