



# TEXAS UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH DAY 2021

## Welcome

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Greetings,

Members of the Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors (CPUPC) and the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas (ICUT) are pleased to welcome you—our student participants—to the 2021 “Texas Undergraduate Research Day” event. We proudly recognize each of you as among the most talented undergraduate researchers in Texas. And, we are grateful for the dedication provided by all faculty mentors and advisors who serve as inspiring role models in each Texas institution of higher education.

We encourage you to explore the event website featuring the variety of research projects generated by you and your peers across the state. And, following the event, we hope that you pursue your graduate education and do so by enrolling in one of the outstanding graduate and/or professional programs available in Texas.

Although we were not able to meet at the State Capitol this year, showcasing this collection of research projects during the 87th Legislative Session provides the opportunity to express our appreciation to the dedicated state leaders who so strongly support higher education, undergraduate student learning and high-quality research efforts. It is our hope the budget and policy directives passed by legislators will ultimately result in advancing a key purpose of higher education: providing career opportunities for the citizens of Texas, which simultaneously contributes to the economic well-being of our communities and state.

We look forward to joining you in reviewing the undergraduate research entries as we celebrate your accomplishments.

Sincerely,

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