



LOUISIANA  
**RESEARCH  
SUMMIT 2021**  
*Bringing Eureka to Life: Sustainable  
Campus-Industry Partnerships*

Dear Summit Participants,

Thank you for participating in this inaugural Louisiana Research Summit. Your participation reflects positively on your desire to advance Louisiana's research enterprise. It also reinforces the commitment of our state's university research leadership to building a robust research enterprise that leverages the tremendous intellectual talent in our research universities in a way to maximize the assets of our industry, our communities, and our citizens. Together Louisiana's higher education enterprise can drive collaborative research across our campuses that enables us to leverage our talented faculty and students, world-class facilities, established centers of excellence, and robust academic programs to compete and win at the highest levels.

Louisiana's deep collaborative research efforts have already brought together some of our state's public and private partners to increase meaningful research, innovations, and technology transfer advancements, which have advanced us to the elite among EPSCoR states. We are moving research from the bench to the market, but have the potential to do so much more. We all recognize that our partnerships must serve as a foundation for knowledge and product development and must be sustainable over the long term.

Research partnerships are the backbone of Louisiana's 21st-century economy, providing big ideas, significant training, and meaningful job opportunities for all citizens. Through this summit, you have demonstrated how our research leaders are leveraging state and federal government investments along with strong private sector partnerships to scale up Louisiana's economic competitiveness for the future. We recognize that we need more opportunities like these, and are actively supporting their development.

We thank you for your efforts and congratulate you for your successes. We urge you to build upon these successes and to expand the impacts of your work. We offer our commitment to provide leadership and support to innovative approaches establishing deep and sustainable research partnerships to advance Louisiana's economy and quality of life in the 21st century. We welcome both our own researchers and private-sector and government partners in any sector to come forward with their ideas for the future of this great state.

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