

## **Louisiana EPSCoR Subcommittee**

The Louisiana Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Subcommittee was established in 1985 by the Louisiana Board of Regents (BoR), working in conjunction with the National Science Foundation (NSF), to help Louisiana become more competitive in securing federal research and development (R&D) funds in the science and engineering (S&E) disciplines.

The goals of the Louisiana EPSCoR Subcommittee are to:

- Act as the State's contact point and coordinator for the variety of EPSCoR programs operated by federal agencies;
- Assist Louisiana institutions of higher education in enhancing their S&E research capability in order to compete more effectively for federal R&D funds;
- Enhance research infrastructure and decrease barriers to research competitiveness on a statewide basis; and
- Seek S&E infrastructure and enhancement support from federal agencies for institutions of higher education across the state.

## **Advisory Committee for the Advancement of Research in Louisiana (ACARL)**

Functions: The Advisory Committee has two principal roles: advisory, related to statewide policies and research/economic development initiatives; and communication, to determine ways to convey the impact and significance of ongoing research activities to Louisiana.

### **Advisory Role**

- Advise Sponsored Programs Section/BoR on statewide policy issues related to Louisiana research, including partnerships with industry, collaborations across campuses, and impacts on state, regional, and national economies and communities
- Recommend statewide priority research areas, to advance basic and applied knowledge and align with technology transfer and commercialization opportunities in the state
- Provide guidance to the BoR and Sponsored Programs staff on mechanisms to support and encourage technology transfer and commercialization activities around the state
- Counsel BoR and Sponsored Programs staff on statewide needs related to building research capacity and competitiveness, and contributing to the development/maintenance of a high-tech economy
- Work with the Louisiana EPSCoR Committee to promote statewide collaborative research and effective use of resources
- Establish a subcommittee to consider and endorse on a statewide basis nominations to national committees and boards

### **Communication Role**

- Establish relationships across campuses related to research initiatives and approaches, to assist in fostering collaboration and resource sharing
- Lead statewide efforts to build broad awareness across state government and among the general public of the importance and impact of university-based research

- Communicate to the Governor, Legislature, and general public the importance of Louisiana's involvement in major national science and technology organizations and coordinate efforts to advance Louisiana's participation
- Advise the Regents and staff on mechanisms for enhancing the visibility of Louisiana research at the national level

**Composition of Committees:**

One member from each public and private four-year higher education system and each campus with two or more STEM doctoral programs, one member from each special focus institution with significant research activity (e.g., health sciences centers, agriculture centers, research centers, etc. that operate as individual campuses), one member from LED, two members from research-oriented private industry, the BoR's Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, and the BoR's Associate Commissioner for Research. Representatives of the systems and campuses shall be appointed by the appropriate president or chancellor. The Council chair and vice chair shall be elected by the membership.

**Frequency of Meetings:**

Generally, the same member serves on both the EPSCoR and ACARL Committees. Further, meetings of the Committees' will be held back-to-back with an hour dedicated to each Committee. Two meetings of the EPSCoR and ACARL Committees are required per year. Additional meetings are held if necessary.

**Louisiana EPSCoR Subcommittee Membership:**

Les Guice (Chair), President, Louisiana Tech University

Kaneisha Akinpelumi, Associate Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs, Xavier University

Henry Chu, Professor, Center for Advanced Computer Studies, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Connie Fabré, Executive Director, Greater Baton Rouge Industry Alliance

Kimberly Foster, Dean, School of Science and Engineering, Tulane University

T. Gregory Guzik, Professor, Louisiana State University and NASA EPSCoR Project Director

Paul Helton, Executive Director, LED FastStart

Chris Kevil, Vice Chancellor for Research, LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport

Michael Khonsari, Associate Commissioner for Research & Sponsored Initiatives and LA EPSCoR Project Director and Dow Chemical Endowed Chair Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Louisiana State University

Ramesh Kolluru, Vice President for Research, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Barry LeBlanc, President, CEO, PamLab, L.L.C.

Deborah Marshall, Assoc. Vice President of Research and Sponsored Programs, Xavier University of Louisiana

Patrick Mensah, Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Programs, Southern University and A&M College

Christopher Morrison, Associate Executive Director of Basic Science, Pennington Biomedical Research Center

Giovanni Piedmonte, Vice President for Research, Professor of Pediatrics, Tulane University

Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Research & Sponsored Initiatives, Louisiana Board of Regents

Robert Twilley, Vice President for Research, Louisiana State University

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### **Membership, September 2022**

<b>Campus/System</b>	<b>Representative</b>
LA Association of Independent Colleges & Universities	Eric Turner, President
LA Dept. of Economic Development	Paul Helton, Executive Director, LED FastStart
LSU Agricultural Center	Wade Baumgartner, Director, Sponsored Programs and Intellectual Property
LSU and A&M College	Sam Bentley, Vice President of Research and Economic Development
LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans	Demetrius Porche, Dean of Nursing
LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport	Christopher Kevil, Vice Chancellor for Research
LSU System	Cynthia Peterson, Special Advisor on Science
Louisiana Tech University	Les Guice, President
Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium	Brian Roberts, Interim Executive Director
Loyola University New Orleans	Maria Calzada, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Pennington Biomedical Research Center	Chris Morrison, Associate Executive Director for Basic Research
Southern University and A&M College	Michael Stubblefield, Vice Chancellor for Research and Strategic Initiatives
Southern University System	Patrick Mensah, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Southern University and A&M College
Tulane University	Michael Cunningham, Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and Research
Tulane University Health Sciences Center	Giovanni Piedimonte, Vice President for Research
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Ramesh Kolluru, Interim Vice President for Research
University of Louisiana at Monroe	John Sutherlin, Director, Director, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research
University of New Orleans	Matthew Tarr, Vice President for Research and Economic Development
University of Louisiana System	Jeannine Kahn, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Xavier University of Louisiana	Kaneisha Akinpelumi, Associate Vice President, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs
Louisiana Board of Regents	Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Michael Khonsari, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Research