

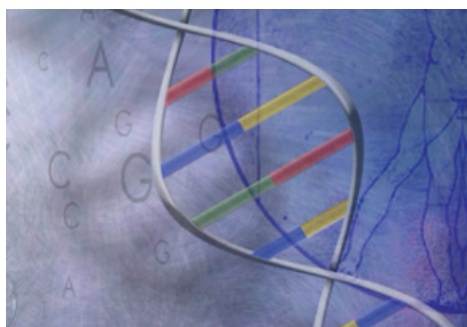


# Texas A&M University COUNCIL OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

The Council of Principal Investigators (CPI) is composed of principal investigators (PIs) that are members of the Texas A&M research community. The CPI is committed to the continued improvement of the research environment for students, faculty and staff. Specifically, the CPI and the PIs it represents endeavor to work with administration to provide an effective and efficient research organization to achieve the goal of being nationally recognized and competitive in research and teaching.

## BRIEF HISTORY

The CPI began in 1984, with research-active faculty members meeting informally to discuss ways to strengthen the research infrastructure and provide support for researchers at Texas A&M University. The group briefly joined the Faculty Senate in 1985, but chose to separate from the senate to serve as an independent and faculty-governed council representing the interests of the Texas A&M research community.



## WHO DOES THE CPI REPRESENT?

The CPI is a representative body of 50-55 elected members representing more than 2,300 principal investigators from Texas A&M, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), The Texas A&M Health Science Center, Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. A PI is defined as an individual who has served as a PI or Co-PI on at least one externally reviewed and funded project or grant within the previous three years.

The number of CPI members representing each unit is determined by census conducted each spring. After the census, each college/unit holds an election to identify the representatives of its constituency on the council. Members serve a three-year term and may be elected for two consecutive terms. [cpi.tamu.edu/council-membership](http://cpi.tamu.edu/council-membership)

## TOPICS PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED BY CPI

- ▶ Campuswide research survey
- ▶ Centralization of facilities maintenance and HR with hiring research personnel
- ▶ Need for NIH resources (faculty recruitment)
- ▶ Internal Funding Opportunities (ASCEND, TPT, ADM, etc.)
- ▶ Research Identity
- ▶ Chancellor Doctoral Research Excellence Assistantship
- ▶ GREAT Program
- ▶ Research Development Fund
- ▶ Sponsored Research Services
- ▶ Core facilities
- ▶ Texas A&M Information Technology infrastructure
- ▶ Research compliance, biosafety, export controls, and global engagement
- ▶ Postdoc and graduate student recruitment
- ▶ State and federal funding and executive actions

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## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The CPI meets the second Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

The meetings are open to the public and have Zoom options. If interested in attending, visit the meeting website [cpi.tamu.edu/meetings](http://cpi.tamu.edu/meetings), or contact the CPI coordinator at [cpi@tamu.edu](mailto:cpi@tamu.edu).

Members serve as liaisons between the council and their PI constituency; volunteer to serve on external committees where CPI representation has been requested; and identify areas of interest or expertise in some particular issue to the chair.

## GOVERNANCE

CPI officers are the chair, vice chair and past chair. Additional CPI members, as recommended by the chair and ratified by the full CPI, serve with the CPI officers on the executive committee (EC). The EC is responsible for advising the chair on council activities.

The EC meets with members of the Texas A&M research administration the first Wednesday of the month from 11:30-1:15 p.m. These meetings are open to CPI members. The EC also meets regularly with the chancellor; the president and provost; and other faculty groups and administrative offices that impact the Texas A&M research communities.



## COMMUNICATION/WEBSITE

The CPI distributes an electronic monthly newsletter announcing items of interest for PIs and the research community. Current and past newsletters can be found under the general meetings at [cpi.tamu.edu/meetings](http://cpi.tamu.edu/meetings).

At [cpi.tamu.edu](http://cpi.tamu.edu), visitors can find the CPI membership roster and contact information, meeting dates/times, archived meeting materials and videos and other materials and information relevant to the Texas A&M research community.

## QUESTIONS

Questions or suggestions about improving the website can be directed to the CPI coordinator at [cpi@tamu.edu](mailto:cpi@tamu.edu) or 979.862.9166.

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