

Research by Faculty

One of Sam Houston State University's goals is to "Provide an educational environment that encourages systematic inquiry and research," and faculty members are encouraged to perform research within their chosen disciplines and their individual interests. The Faculty is also encouraged to seek funding for research and instructional projects through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP).

All faculty, staff and student research projects with human participants and animal subjects must be reviewed and approved for compliance with ethical principles before the research is begun. Please see the [Institutional Review Board](#) (IRB) for requirements in the use of human subjects and the [Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee](#) (IACUC) for animal subjects. Also refer to Academic Policy Statement 920808, "[Ethical Conduct in Academic Research and Scholarship.](#)" If you are planning research, you should also consult the more detailed policies available in the SHSU [Research Policy Manual](#).

Sam Houston State University strictly adheres to The Texas State University System's policies concerning copyrights and patents as stated in the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents, [Chapter III, Subsection 11, "Copyright Policy"](#) and [Chapter III, Subsection 12, "Patent Policy."](#) Also see Academic Policy Statement 980114, "[Distribution of Copyright and Patent Royalties](#)" and the Copyrights and Patents section of this handbook.

Academic Freedom and Responsibility

Sam Houston State University is committed to academic freedom and is in accord with the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of The Texas State University System, [Chapter V, Subsection 4.7, "Rights and Responsibilities as a Teacher and Citizen."](#) This policy addresses specifically the academic freedom accorded a faculty member, and the responsibilities and duties required of a faculty member as both a teacher and a citizen.

To safeguard and protect the academic freedom of faculty members, Sam Houston State University adheres to the following policy of The Texas State University System as stated in the Board of Regents' Rules and Regulations:

Chapter V, Subsection 2.15: Grievances