

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI BOARD OF CURATORS RESOLUTION:
REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH**

The University of Missouri Board of Curators, meeting on this 21st day of September, 2018, resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the University of Missouri-Columbia (“MU”) was established in 1839 as the first public university west of the Mississippi, has been a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (“AAU”) since 1908, and emphasizes excellence in its students, faculty, staff and programs; and

WHEREAS, MU is one of 17 universities in the nation that serves as both a land-grant and a leading comprehensive research intensive university with designation as a Carnegie doctoral university (highest research activity), providing excellence in academic research and scholarship and in undergraduate, graduate and professional education; and

WHEREAS, with 19 colleges and schools, MU possesses remarkable disciplinary breadth and quality as one of a few public universities in the nation with schools and colleges of medicine, veterinary medicine, law, engineering, agriculture and journalism on the same campus; and

WHEREAS, MU nurtures a strong research and scholarship ecosystem that drives the economy with a \$3.9 billion annual impact on the state, and creates practical applications shared with citizens through Extension; and

WHEREAS, for 54 years, MU's nuclear research reactor has been (and continues to be) the most powerful university research reactor in the world; and

WHEREAS, the university's commitment to fostering excellent, broad-based and high-quality interdisciplinary research continues today with plans for the extraordinary Translational Precision Medical Complex (“TPMC”) to be located on the MU campus; and

WHEREAS, in the last five years, MU has increased its competitively-funded federal research; and

WHEREAS, MU has developed plans to continue its trajectory by doubling its competitively funded federal research over the next five years; doubling its number of memberships in national academies; and significantly increasing its number of national awards, fellowships, memberships and citations of its faculty; and

WHEREAS, MU has developed concrete plans to continue to increase USDA, state and industrial research funding, the number of Ph.Ds. granted each year and the number of graduate students and postdoctoral appointees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of curators expects mutually beneficial collaborations and partnerships among all four universities of the UM System (MU, UMKC, S&T, UMSL) in support of leveraging resources, investments, facilities, equipment and faculty in support of research, including high-level interdisciplinary research.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Curators reaffirms MU's commitment to excellence in student success, breakthrough research and creative works, effective engagement with citizens of Missouri, the nation and the world; and
2. The Board of Curators supports MU's goals to significantly increase research funding, with emphasis on competitively-funded federal support, the expansion of graduate student research and education, and the expansion of postdoctoral researchers; and
3. Furthermore, the Board of Curators supports the investment in the world-class people who will help MU achieve its goals, ensuring that those faculty are nominated for awards and fellowships that are reflective of their excellence, including the aggressive recruitment and promotion of faculty members for national academies and a concerted effort to increase the number of citations to the outstanding work of the faculty; and
4. Because solutions to society's grand challenges require interdisciplinary collaborations across higher education, industry, non-profit and government organizations, through convergent research, the Board of Curators encourages the proposed expansion of these efforts at MU; and
5. As part of the university's commitment to excellence and serving as a leading comprehensive research intensive university, the Board reaffirms the Translational Precision Medical Complex at MU as its highest priority capital funding project and expects that this will lead to increased research productivity; and
6. The Board of Curators directs the President of the University of Missouri System and the Chancellor of MU to take all reasonable and appropriate actions, including appropriate funding and reallocation of funding, necessary to strengthen MU's standing as a leading comprehensive research intensive university providing excellence in academic research and scholarship and undergraduate, graduate and professional education for the benefit of Missouri, the nation and the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board of Curators cause this Resolution to be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

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