

Weekly Update | March 3, 2023

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Dear Faculty and Staff,

These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you informed and engaged with SMU's Academic Affairs division as, together, we work toward achieving the goals that fall within our four priority areas through 2025: 1) Academic Excellence/ *US News and World Report* top 50, 2) Road to R1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence, 3) 2016 – 2025 Strategic Plan, and 4) Inclusive Excellence.

If you have suggestions for what we should include in future communications, please send your ideas to this [email address](#). Previous newsletters are available

Road to R1/Scholarly and Creative Excellence

Call for Proposals: University Research and Travel grants

All faculty and emeriti faculty are reminded that the deadline to apply for University Research Council (URC) research and travel grants is Monday, March 6, by 5 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

SMU faculty receive \$1.7M multi-year grant for social impact lab and real estate impact investing

Made possible through the generous support of the Phillips Foundation, a new SMU Impact Lab will invest in for-profit social impact endeavors in the social, creative, and arts spaces. Housed in the Corporate Communications and Public Affairs (CCPA) division in the Meadows School of the Arts, working in collaboration with Cox School of Business, the SMU Impact Lab will serve the University's entrepreneurial students, faculty, and alumni in the domains of social, creative, and arts

members of both the Data Science Institute Advisory Board and the Data Science Cluster Hire Task

