**RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY**

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2025 at 5pm CST**

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Division of Research and Innovation at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will offer the **Research** **Development Academy (RDA)** from October 2024 to May 2025 to assist faculty and research staff with developing their research and creative activity programs. The RDA is committed to preparing PI-eligible, full-time employees at TAMU-CC to confidently begin their innovative scholarship in alignment with the [*Islander Impact: 2030 Strategic Plan*](https://www.tamucc.edu/president/strategic-plan/index.php). The program will entail a combination of in-person (or remote if applicable) meetings and asynchronous activities to assist participants in developing a strategic approach to their research and creative activities.

If you have any questions, please email the Office of Research Development at researchdevelopment@tamucc.edu.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES:**

1. Enhancement of your understanding of the research process
2. Improvement to your grantsmanship
3. Establishment of a stronger collaboration network
4. Development of a strategic plan for your research
5. Improvement of your knowledge of research compliance

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

1. You must meet the TAMU-CC requirements for PI/PD eligibility. [For further information regarding these criteria, click **HERE.**](https://www.tamucc.edu/research/assets/documents/pi-eligibility-form.pdf) Additionally, priority will be given to employees that are in the beginning stages of developing their scholarly program.
2. Program Duration: 8 months (October 2024 – May 2025)
3. Application Deadline: September 8, 2025
4. Click [HERE](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8frLNKZngUepylFOslULZpT8egGWoa5JshJ8ZKH8vRRURVdZQ0tYSE9WUzc0S1ZGOFZFVDUxOFhIUS4u) to apply!

**PROGRAM DELIVERABLES:**

All participants are expected to be actively involved in the program. This includes, but is not limited to, attending all sessions and completing all activities. It is anticipated that participants will meet no more than every 2 weeks from October through May. Exact times/days will be determined once the cohort is identified. By the end of the program, it is expected that all participants will have a draft of a grant proposal, along with a strategic road map developed for their research or creative activity program.

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**2025-2026 PROGRAM MODULES**

* Module 1: Orientation and Foundations of Research at TAMU-CC
	+ Introduction to the Research Development Academy
	+ Overview of TAMU-CC Research Offices and Resources
	+ Defining a Grant, Sponsored Project, Fellowship, Contract, and Gift
	+ Life Cycle of an Award
* Module 2: Program Design and Methodology
	+ Developing a Concept Paper
	+ Quad Charts for Enabling Your Research
	+ Methodological Advancements
* Module 3: Proposal Development
	+ Identifying External and Internal Funding Opportunities
	+ Discussions with Program Officers
	+ Grantsmanship 101: How to Plan a Fundable Project
	+ Maximizing Impact
	+ How to Develop Evaluation Plans, Data Management Plans, Mentoring Plans, etc.
* Module 4: Budget Development and Time Management
	+ Budget Management
	+ Salary Savings Model
	+ Time and Effort
* Module 5: Research Compliance
	+ Requirements
	+ Research Integrity and Ethics
* Module 6: Networking and Collaborations
	+ Building Collaborations within the University and Beyond
	+ Networking Opportunities
	+ Mentorship and Peer Review
* Module 8: Strategic Planning
	+ Building a Research Portfolio
	+ Leveraging Resources and Support within the University
* Module 9: Team Management
	+ Roles and Responsibilities of Team
	+ Leadership Styles
	+ Sustaining Team Engagement