

OFFICE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS

*Supporting Research Initiatives at
Southern University and A&M College*



About the OSP

The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) at Southern University and A&M College was established in 1987 under the administrative oversight of the Office of Research and Strategic Initiatives (ORSI). It serves as the central coordinating unit for all pre- and post-award functions related to sponsored and elective programs.

The OSP's primary function is to support faculty, administrators, and the community in securing and managing external funding. This includes coordinating the acquisition, monitoring, modification, and close-out of grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements.

Key Responsibilities

- Coordinating pre- and post-award activities
 - Assisting faculty in obtaining external funds
 - Serving as a link between the University and funding sources
- The OSP has the authority to decide how pre/post-award activities are conducted campus wide. It supports the Office of Research and Strategic Initiatives by assisting faculty and others in obtaining external funds and by serving as a link between the University and public/private funding sources.

Collaboration and Oversight

The OSP works closely with several key stakeholders at Southern University and A&M College, including:

- The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- The Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration
- The Office of the Comptroller

All federal, state, and foundation awards administered to Southern University and A&M College are approved on behalf of the university by the Vice Chancellor for Research and Strategic Initiatives. The

Vice Chancellor for Research and Strategic Initiatives also serve as the university's Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) to awarding agencies.

Award Management

When an award for a sponsored project is made, the awarding agency makes the award to Southern University and A&M College. The OSP acts as the intermediary between the funding agency and the Principal Investigator for negotiation, modification, and closeout of the award.

The OSP ensures that all projects comply with agency regulations and guidelines, safeguarding the university's interests and promoting responsible stewardship of funds.

Summary

The Office of Sponsored Programs is a vital resource for Southern University and A&M College, facilitating research and academic endeavors by connecting faculty with funding opportunities and ensuring compliance with regulations. Since its establishment in 1987, the OSP has played a crucial role in supporting the University's mission and fostering a culture of research excellence.

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