2022 HBCU/MSI RESEARCH SUMMIT AT VIRGINIA TECH

A VISION OF INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATIONS AND SUPPORT OF RESEARCH, RESOURCES, AND RECRUITMENT: VIRGINIA TECH AND BEYOND
Welcome to the 2022 Virginia Tech HBCU/MSI Research Summit!

The summit provides an opportunity for faculty, students, and administrators to explore research opportunities and potential collaborations between historically black colleges/universities (HBCUs), minority serving institutions (MSIs), and Virginia Tech. Through these partnerships we seek to enhance the quality of research and graduate education by placing equity, diversity, and inclusion at the forefront of our pursuit of excellence. Our goals in hosting the annual research summit include:

- **Research:** Fostering cross-institutional research partnerships between HBCUs, MSIs and Virginia Tech.
- **Recruitment:** Providing current HBCU and MSI students with a preview of Virginia Tech’s graduate programs, allowing Virginia Tech graduate programs a key opportunity to recruit prospective students if graduate pathways are not available or aligned with student’s interests at their current/home institution.
- **Degree Partnerships:** Facilitate discussions about the feasibility of shared degree programs between the HBCUs and MSIs and Virginia Tech programs.

**GRADUATE SCHOOL WELCOME**

Aimée M. Surprenant, PhD, serves as Dean for Graduate Education and holds an academic appointment as tenured Professor in the Department of Psychology at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. She plans to build on past successes in supporting a strong, diverse and inclusive graduate community; supporting the development and expansion of the innovative Graduate Life Center (GLC); and championing the academic initiative known as Transformative Graduate Education (TGE), including the global perspectives and preparing the future professoriate programs.

**MEET THE OFFICE OF RECRUITMENT, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION**

The Office of Recruitment, Diversity, and Inclusion focuses on graduate student recruitment and on providing support to students as they get acclimated and adjusted to their graduate programs/certificates through the development of inclusive and diverse programming to meet students’ needs. We focus on the importance of creating and growing communities by providing frequent opportunities for students to participate in welcoming environments to maximize their success and degree completion.

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SUNDAY

06

Arrival to Blacksburg, Virginia

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Welcome and Interactive Session with the Center for Communicating Science
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
GRADThriving Workshop
LOCATION: CASCADES ROOM

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Room Check-In / Prepare for Dinner

6:00 PM
Kick-Off Dinner
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

MONDAY

07

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Networking Breakfast
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

9:35 AM - 10:35 AM
Graduate Admissions and Summer Research Opportunities
LOCATION: CASCADES ROOM

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM
Get to Know the GRE General Test and Services
LOCATION: CASCADES ROOM

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Networking Lunch
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM
Juneteenth Scholars Showcase
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY HALL

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Research Showcase
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
HBCU / MSI Graduate Student Panel
LOCATION: SOLITUDE ROOM

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Networking Dinner, Sponsored by VT Innovation Campus
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Bowling / Mixer at BreakZone
LOCATION: SQUIRES STUDENT CENTER

TUESDAY

08

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Breakfast
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Departmental Visit with Program of Interest

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Lunch With Host Department

Departure from Blacksburg, Virginia

Event Program

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Tuesday, November 08

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FACULTY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 06

Arrival to Blacksburg, Virginia

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Welcome and Interactive Session with the Center for Communicating Science
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Inter-Institutional Partnerships and Agreements
LOCATION: SOLITUDE ROOM

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Room Check-In / Prepare for Dinner

6:00 PM
Kick-Off Dinner
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

MONDAY 07

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Networking Breakfast
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

9:35 AM - 10:35 AM
Funding Opportunities:
-Grant funding in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education
LOCATION: DUCK POND ROOM
-Grant funding in the Life Sciences Session
LOCATION: SOLITUDE ROOM

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM
DEI: Culturally Relevant Learning and Teaching Workshop
LOCATION: SOLITUDE ROOM

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Juneteenth Scholars Showcase
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY HALL

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Research Showcase
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
Research Funding Opportunity to assist VT & HBCU / MSI Faculty Collaborations
LOCATION: CASCADES ROOM

4:45 PM - 5:45 PM
Faculty Social Hour
LOCATION: PRESTON’S RESTAURANT

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Networking Dinner
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Bowling / Mixer at BreakZone
LOCATION: SQUIRES STUDENT CENTER

TUESDAY 08

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Breakfast
LOCATION: LATHAM BALLROOM

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Departmental Visit with Host Faculty

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Lunch with Host Department

Departure from Blacksburg, Virginia
The Graduate School Office of Recruitment, Diversity, and Inclusion

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