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A presentation slide with a dark red header. The header contains the word "Draft" on the left, the Texas A&M logo in the center, and "TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY" on the right. Below the header, the title "ASCEND: A new internal seed program" is written in bold, dark red, sans-serif capital letters. The main content is in black text. It starts with "Two components serving one long-term vision" and "To accelerate research preeminence and solve global challenges by:". This is followed by a numbered list: "1. Growing new interdisciplinary research team leaders via **Research Leadership Fellowships (RFL)**" and "2. Expanding and supporting existing interdisciplinary teams via **Targeted Proposal Teams (TPT)**". A thin red horizontal line is at the bottom of the slide.

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Research Leadership Fellowships (RLF)

What: \$1,000,000 annually to develop and diversify tomorrow's research leaders today

Who: TAMU tenure track faculty at the Assistant levels

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Targeted Proposal Team (TPT)

What: \$5,000,000 annually to build and facilitate teams for the purpose of submitting a large interdisciplinary proposal with strong potential to make an indelible mark on knowledge that can address a societal challenge.

Who: Tenured/PI-eligible faculty at the Associate or Full levels

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Program Components

In addition to program-specific **Research Career Development Goals** (i.e., developing future research leaders or enhancing new or existing interdisciplinary team success), the RLF and TPT share the following four general components that are tailored to meet the different objectives of each program:

- Program-specific **Awardee Criteria**
- Program-specific **DOR Services**
- Program-specific **Levels of Financial Support**
- Program-specific **Proposal Submission Process**

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Program-Specific Awardee Criteria

Research Leadership Fellowship

- Demonstrated leadership potential of the nominee
- An interdisciplinary proposal concept* that must achieve an impact to Texas A&M
- Future leadership opportunities

Targeted Proposal Teams

- Demonstrated success leading interdisciplinary teams
- A large >\$5M interdisciplinary proposal target and targeted global challenge/societal problem/strategic priority

**research related/external funder/alignment with objectives*

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Program-Specific Division of Research Support

<p>Research Leadership Fellowship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Informational</u> components (i.e., workshops*) • <u>Experiential</u> components (i.e., fellowship community events, DO support of interdisciplinary propo. submission) 	<p>Targeted Proposal Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team facilitation • <u>Broad</u> proposal development support (e.g., document organization, templates, proposal review(s), graphic support) • <u>Coordinated</u> SRS support (e.g., budget development, compliance review)
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**e.g., Institutional Structure and Mission; Challenges to Interdisciplinary Research (co-creations of research projects, dissemination of IDR findings); Leadership Theories/Concepts; Effective Communication, Disciplinary and Institutional Cultures, Compliance*

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Program-Specific Funding Support

<p>Research Leadership Fellowship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically, 1-year • \$75,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary (up to 2 months across 11 months) • Graduate student • Materials and Supplies • Coordinated meetings • Travel 	<p>Targeted Proposal Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically, 2-years • Proposal dependent - up to \$250,000 annually <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary (up to 2 months across 11 months) • Graduate student • Materials and Supplies • Coordinated meetings • Travel
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Program-Specific Submission Requirements and Selection Process

<p>Research Leadership Fellowship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant Letter of Interest • Dean Level Review and Ranking • Dean Nomination Letter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental preparation • Future leadership opportunities • OVPR review and final selection 	<p>Targeted Proposal Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of Intent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basis for researcher profiles, topical interests, selection of peer review team expertise • Proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer review team review/evaluation • <i>Finalist Presentations (if required)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Peer review team review/selection</i>
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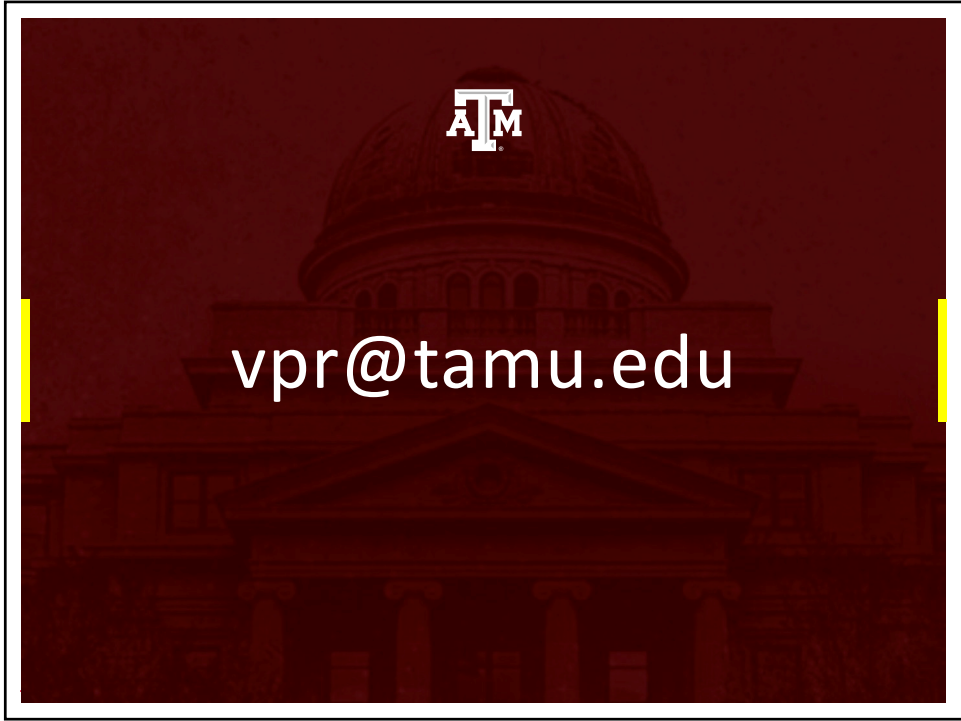
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Comparing current and past internal programs

<p>RLF/TPT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on interdisciplinary teams • Internal funding matched to team project needs • Proposal submission requirement • DOR commitment of proposal and career development support 	<p>T3/X-grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on interdisciplinary teams • Internal funding at small, fixed amount (T3) or elevated amount (X-grant) • No proposal submission requirement • No DOR commitment of other resources
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