



COUNCIL OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

October 12, 2016

Professor Christodoulos A. Floudas



Recognitions and Honors

- National Academy of Inventors, 2015
- Academy of Athens, Corresponding Member, 2015
- P.V. Danckwerts Memorial Lecture, 2015
- Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researcher, 2015 (for 2003-2013)
- Constantin Caratheodory Prize, 2015
- Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researcher, 2014 (for 2002-2012)
- TIAS Fellow and Eminent Scholar, 2013-14
- National Award and HELORS Gold Medal, 2013
- AIChE Fellow, 2013
- National Academy of Engineering, 2011
- Graduate Mentoring Award, Princeton University, 2007
- AIChE Computing in Chemical Engineering Award, 2006
- AIChE Andreas Acrivos Award for Professional Progress in Chemical Engineering, 2001

Final Appointments

Director, *Texas A&M Energy Institute*

Erle Nye '59 Chair Professor for Engineering Excellence

Artie McFerrin Department of Chemical Engineering

Texas A&M University

Stephen C. Macaleer '63 Professor in Engineering and Applied Science, Emeritus

Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering, Emeritus

Princeton University

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Google Scholar 84

Web of Science 62

Citations 12,324

Journal Articles >335

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Research Activities:

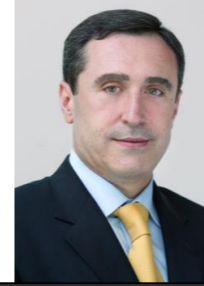
- Product and Process Design, Synthesis, and Discovery
- Product and Process Operations: Planning and Scheduling under Uncertainty
- Discrete-Continuous Nonlinear Optimization
- Deterministic Global Optimization
- Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

Key Contributions in:

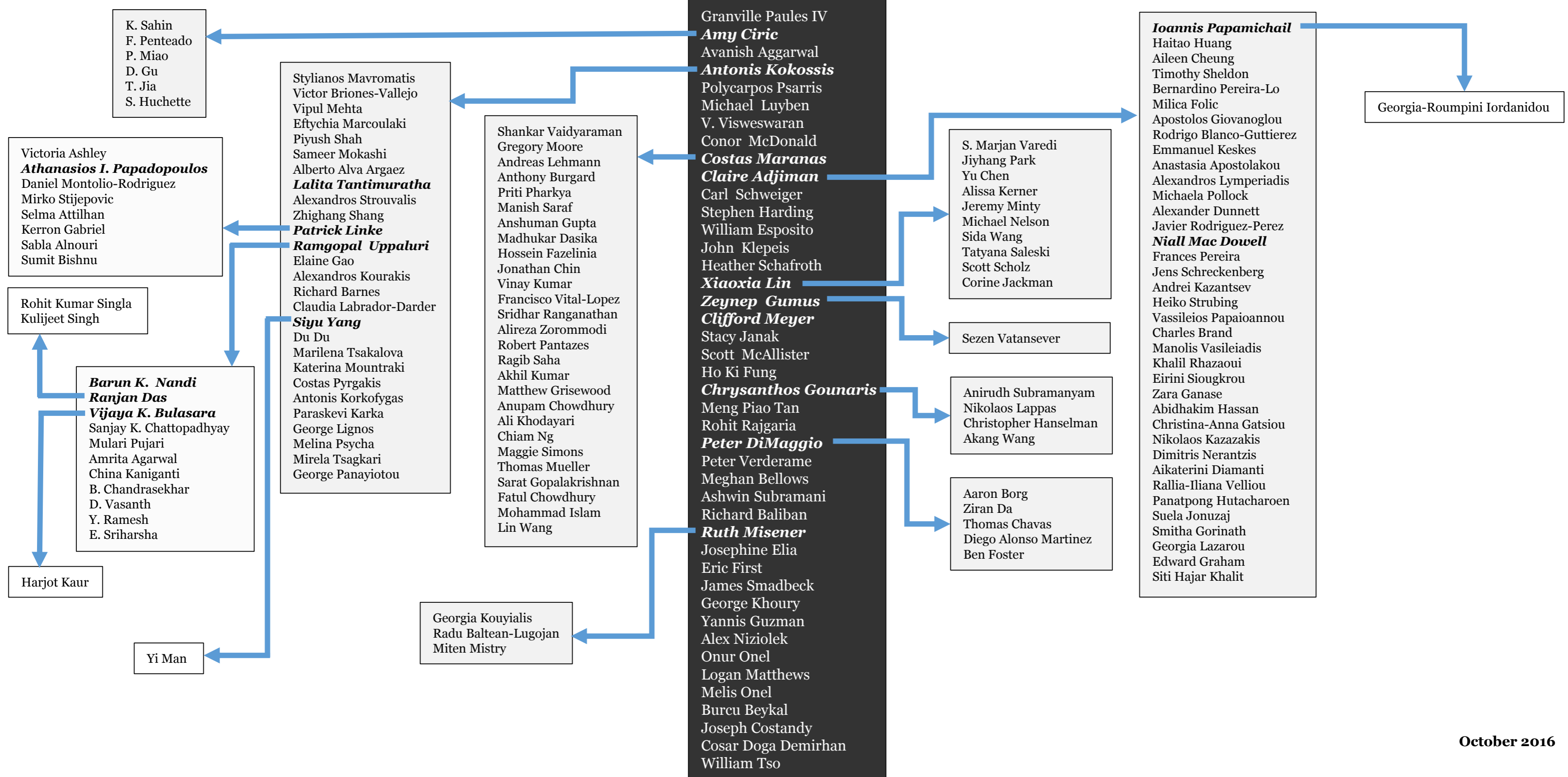
- Theory and algorithms in deterministic global optimization, derivative-free optimization
- Optimization under uncertainty
- Planning and scheduling of complex systems
- Process synthesis and global optimization for hybrid energy systems for fuels and chemicals
- Protein structure prediction, refinement, and *de novo* protein design via deterministic global optimization



Academic Tree of Professor Christodoulos A. Floudas

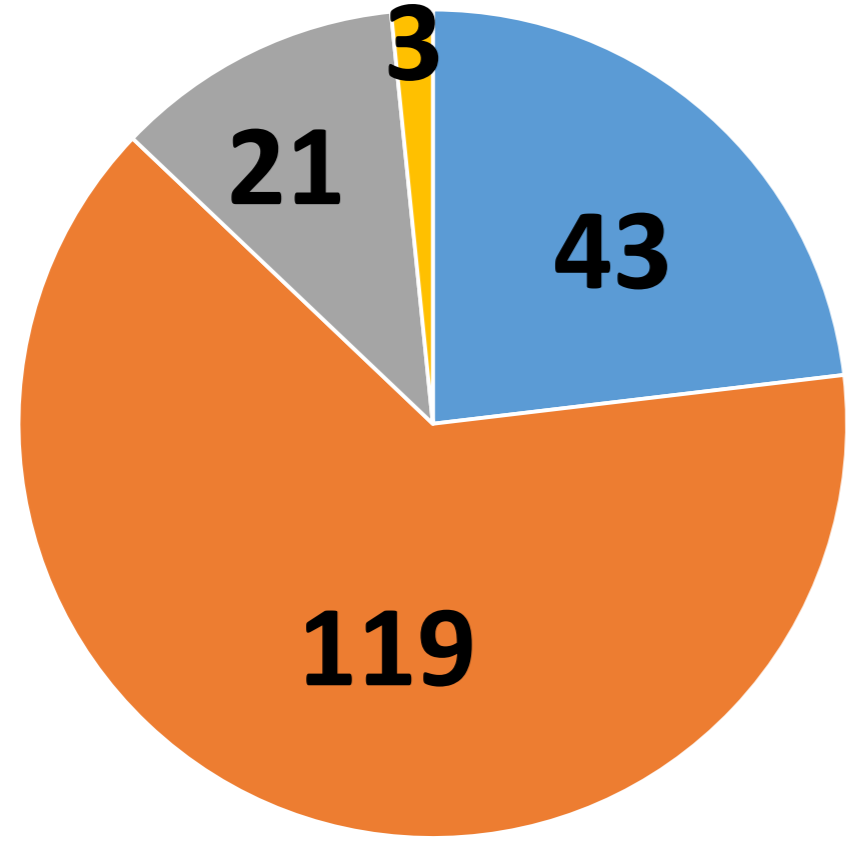


Carnegie Mellon, PhD, 1986
 Princeton University, 1986-2014
 Texas A&M University, 2015-2016



Academic Impact in Numbers

4 Generations of Floudas Academic Tree



- 1st Generation
- 2nd Generation
- 3rd Generation
- 4th Generation

• Number of Graduate Students:	186
• Number of Academics:	20



2014-2016

- 20 post-doctoral associates
- 13 books, and monographs
- 32 book chapters
- More than 40 patents
- More than 335 journal articles

Faculty Engagement Opportunities in the Office of Graduate and Professional Development

Dr. Leonard Bright
Assistant Provost for Professional Development
Office of Graduate and Professional Studies

Goal of Presentation

1. Describe our Professional Development Initiatives
2. Demonstrate ways that you can help
3. Ask for your assistance

What is Professional Development (PD)?



1. Provides training outside traditional, discipline-based graduate coursework.
2. Helps bridge the gap between graduate education and the workforce (i.e., academy or non-academic positions)

OGAPS PD Initiative

- OGAPS emphasis on Professional Development originated from a recommendation from Graduate Experience Task Force (2011)
 - Recommend ways of providing a wide menu of professional development opportunities for all graduate students beyond traditional course and research opportunities.

OGAPS PD Initiative

- To improve and expand professional development (PD) opportunities for TAMU graduate students by:
 1. Promoting existing offerings (including those by your units)
 2. Identifying gaps and develop new offerings

1. Versatile Ph.D. Portal
2. Professional Development Portal
3. Aggies Commit Mini Grants
4. Research and Presentation (RAP) Grants
5. 3 Minute Thesis Competition
6. Graduate Resources and Development for Aggies (G.R.A.D. Aggies)
7. CIRT@TAMU

VERSATILE PHD PORTAL

Versatile PhD

- Online resource for all grad students and faculty
- Access through the Career Center website for Premium Content
- Career panels, job listings, real-world career bios for non academic jobs



- “We want doctoral students to be informed about academic employment realities, educated about their non-academic career options, and supported in preparing for a wide range of careers, so that in the end, they have choices. The key concept here is *versatility*: the ability to apply skills, abilities and interests in a wide variety of positions and fields.”

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PORTAL

- A search tool that connects students with professional development activities and resources at Texas A&M by department, college, or university level.
 - <http://ogaps.tamu.edu/profdev-portal>

AGGIES COMMIT GRANTS

Aggies Commit Mini-Grants

- Up to \$2,000 available to encourage student organizations to:
 - Develop new or enhance existing activities or events that provide high-impact learning experiences (HILE) for graduate student participants.
 - Applications Due Oct 17th

RESEARCH AND PRESENTATION GRANTS

- Research and Presentation Awards (Nov 1st)

Presentation Award (travel within U.S. lower 48 states)	\$500
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Presentation Award (international travel +travel to Alaska and Hawaii)	\$750
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Research Award	\$750
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G.R.A.D. AGGIES



*Collaboration of 8 campus units to provide professional development opportunities for graduate students to better prepare them for professional life after graduate school. organized into four areas: **Academic Development, Leadership and Communication Development, Instruction and Assessment and Career Development.***

Collaborators:

- OGAPS
- Career Center
- Center for Teaching Excellence
- Graduate & Professional Student Council
- International Student Services
- Student Counseling Center
- University Libraries
- University Writing Center

Certificate Program:

- Workshops
- Seminars
- Online Resources
- For more information visit <http://grad-aggies.tamu.edu>

3 MINUTE THESES COMPETITION



3 Minute Thesis (3MT)



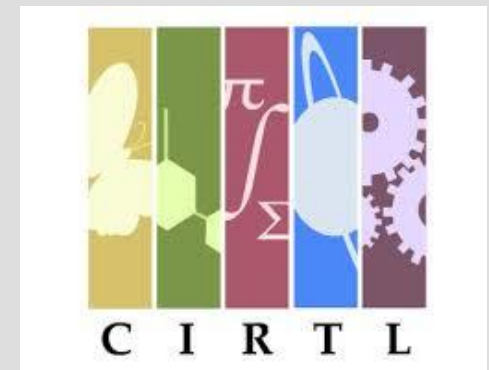
3 Minute Thesis (3MT)

You can help by:

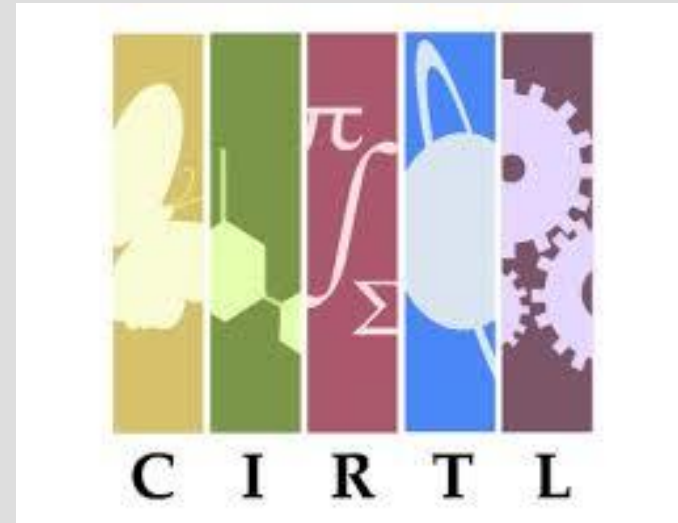
1. Helping students prepare during DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS
2. Serving as COMPETITION JUDGES



CENTER FOR THE INTEGRATION OF RESEARCH, TEACHING AND LEARNING (CIRTL)



- Original member of NSF-funded network of 22 Tier 1 research universities
- Preparing future faculty through learning through diversity, learning communities, and teaching as research.
- Local and national Courses/webinars for all disciplines (with emphasis on STEM)



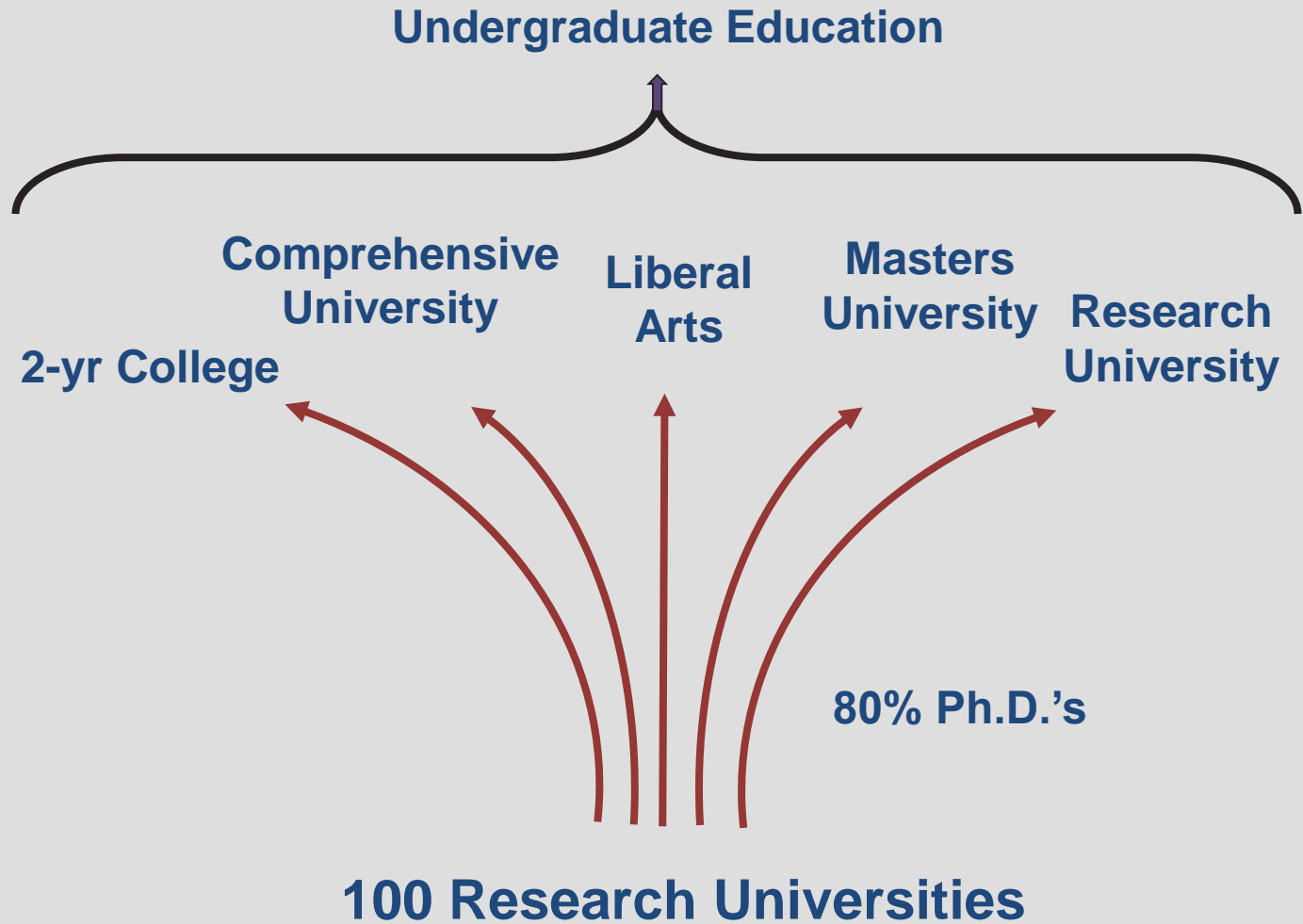
The CIRTL Network - 2016

Auburn University
Boston University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Drexel University
Emory University
Florida International University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Howard University
Indiana University
Iowa State University
Johns Hopkins University
Louisiana State University
Michigan State University
North Carolina State University
Northwestern University
Oregon State University
Rice University
Texas A&M University
Tufts University
University of Buffalo, State University of New York
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of British Columbia
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Delaware
University of Georgia
University of Houston
University of Iowa
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Maryland, Baltimore County
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at El Paso
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Washington University in St. Louis
Yale University

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University of Missouri
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at El Paso
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Washington University in St. Louis
Yale University



Mission

To enhance excellence in undergraduate education through the development of a national STEM faculty committed to implementing and advancing effective teaching and learning practices for diverse student audiences as part of their professional careers.



Teaching-as-Research

- The deliberate and systematic use of research methods to advance teaching and learning practices

Learning Community

- Participants collaboratively construct knowledge and achieve learning goals

Learning-through-Diversity

- Learning of all students is enhanced if all engaged



- **CIRTL Associate:** recognize the role of the CIRTL pillars in effective teaching and learning.
- **CIRTL Practitioner:** scholarly teaching that builds on the CIRTL pillars to demonstrably improve learning and make the results public.
- **CIRTL Scholar:** scholarship that advances teaching and learning under peer review.

- The benefits of student and postdoc involvement include:
 - Access to various local and national courses, workshops, MOOCs, and groups on research and teaching.
 - Increased effectiveness as teachers throughout their careers.
 - Competitive advantage for faculty positions, and a head start as junior faculty members.
 - Increased success in obtaining NSF Graduate Fellowships, CAREER awards, and research funding.



- You can help by:
 - Becoming a faculty mentor for graduate and post docs
 - Academy for Future Faculty
 - Teaching-as-Research (TAR) Fellowship
 - Facilitate a MOOC Learning Community of grad students and/or postdocs
 - Facilitate an online course for CIRTL Network of 22 universities
 - Participate on CIRTL@TAMU Steering Committee
 - Apply to our upcoming Faculty Scholar position

Questions?

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Council of Principal
Investigators

CPI Graduate Education Special Topics Committee

- Charge

Provide recommendations to the President on ways in which **new investments** in graduate student education and training could have a significant, transformative impact on the research enterprise at Texas A&M University.

- Membership

Teresa Wilcox (Liberal Arts, Chair)

Hubert Amrein (Medicine)

George Cunningham (Education and Human Development),

Victor Ugaz (Engineering)

Heather Wilkinson (Agriculture & Life Sciences)

Mark Zoran (Science).



Four areas of priority

1. Competitive, Sustainable Multi-year Funding Offers

As part of an increased commitment to graduate student funding, the committee encourages conversations about the following:

1. Ways in which colleges and departments (units) could be incentivized to offer guaranteed, multiyear packages to prospective students.
2. Implementation of minimum stipend levels, recognizing that stipend levels vary (sometimes dramatically) across colleges and fields of study.
3. University commitment to payment of graduate student tuition and fees.
4. Funding models that would allow students to focus on research, without teaching responsibilities, during critical stages in their graduate training.
5. Mechanisms by which graduate students could obtain funds to directly support their research.



2. Coordinated Recruitment Efforts

Recruitment efforts at local levels could be significantly enhanced by the implementation of university supported efforts. At the same time, the most effective method for doing this may vary by field of study. For example, umbrella admittance programs, like that shared by Dr. John La Pres with the CPI and guests on August 11, 2016 works well for science-related fields. Other models, might work better for Engineering, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and other fields.

The committee recommends exploration of several coordinated recruitment models that include, as a central component, ***shared financial and administrative support.***



3. Professional Development Opportunities

Some areas of professional development would benefit significantly from additional resources. The committee recommends discussion about:

- Enhancement of graduate student writing competencies, both scientific writing and writing to translate scientific ideas to the lay community
- The extent to which our graduate training efforts map onto the changing landscape of potential career paths of our students and current measures of student success



4. Interdisciplinary Programs

The committee recommends:

- Exploration of IDP models that have been effective at other institutions, identification of institutional barriers that hinder the creation of IDPs, and creation of incentives for generating institutional structures that facilitate their implementation and sustainability.
- Generation of IDPs should be faculty driven, with clear expectations and goals, and with university support to accomplish these goals.