March 5, 2021

scheduled to get either a single dose of the Johnson and Johnson or the first and/or second doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines. Please take a minute to fill out the self-reporting tool survey <u>on this page</u> and keep it up to date to report your vaccination progress.

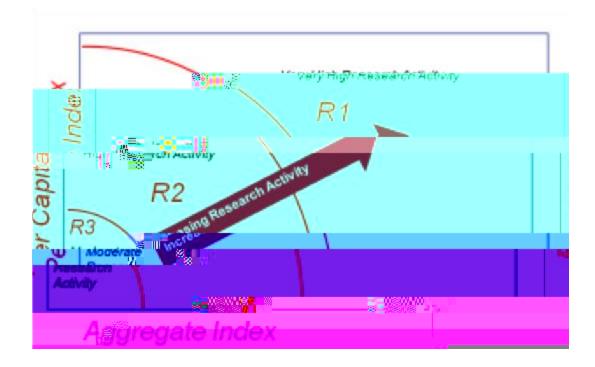
Providing information for this survey is voluntary. It is critically important to S efforts to manage the health and safety of the SMU community and prepare for a smooth vaccination plan once we start to receive allocations. Your willingness to assist SMU by sharing your vaccine status is appreciated. Therefore, even if you receive the vaccine in the future at an off-campus location, please update your vaccination status by retaking the survey. If you have not received the vaccine and are still unsure about which eligibility phase you fall into, the guided survey on the same page may also be helpful for you.

A new my.SMU experience for students On Monday, March 1, SMU launched a new dashboard within my.SMU focused on improving the student experience. Now, students can access their suite of tools

<u>Academic Technology Service Director</u> (ATSD) for instructions on activating this advanced setting.

- Dr. Bob Smith Health Center still offering flu shots You can help ease the burden on the healthcare system by minimizing your chance of getting the flu. We encourage all SMU students, faculty and staff to get their flu shot. Click here for more information on available options.
- COVID-19 vaccine plan updates Once we begin receiving allocations, we will follow state distribution guidelines in making the vaccine available, beginning with the <u>1A phase designated for campus health care workers and police</u>, followed by the <u>1B phase which prioritizes people 65+ and/or those with underlying medical conditions</u>. Along with faculty and staff, students who fit in this category are also eligible for the vaccine.

Check out the vaccination page on the Mustang Strong website for more information on how the process will work. We encourage you to take advantage of the first opportunity to get the vaccine regardless of whether it is through SMU or another provider. Visit the <u>Texas COVID-</u> <u>19 Vaccine Provider Locations map</u> for additional vaccination sites and availability. Whether you have received the vaccine or are still waiting to get it, it is importF2 18Wh og()4on(i)-3nu()4(with t)]TETQ00000912 0 612 792 reW^{*}



The position of a university is computed from the following seven metrics:

- 1. STEM Research Expenditures The amount of money the university spends, as reported annually, conducting research in the STEM fields. Research expenditures might include things like lab equipment, travel expenses, graduate student salaries and stipends, and faculty release time, etc.
- 2. Non-STEM Research Expenditures The amount of money the university spends annually on research in non-STEM fields like the social sciences and humanities across the same types of areas
- 3. STEM Postdoctoral Fellows This is a count of the number of staff dedicated toward providing staff/research support to STEM post-doctoral researchers.
- 4. PhDs Awarded in STEM
- 5. PhDs Awarded in Social Sciences
- 6. PhDs Awarded in Humanities
- Other Doctorates granted each year. For SMU, examples would include the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in the Smmons School and the Doctor of Ministry (D. Min) in Perkins.

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classification.

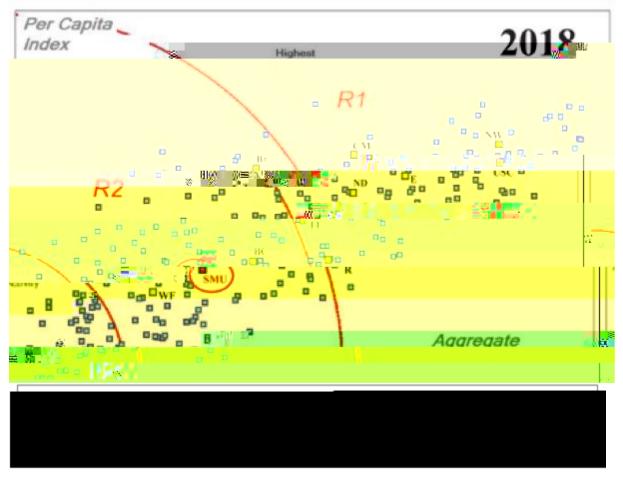
numerically that a university is ranked, the better for Carnegie i.e., being #100 is much better than being #1) is determined for each metric, and these are multiplied by

weighting factors and summed to calculate an aggregate index (the x-axis) and a per capita index (the y-axis).

we get credit for the number (headcount) of postdocs (a key component of the

the ten calculations Carnegie performs to determine their classifications, making them the single most influential factor.

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The most recent Carnegie Classification in 2018 ranked SMU as an R2 research university. In t

peers are highlighted in yellow.

In 2005, SMU was classified as an R3 institution. Since that time, SMU has advanced steadily in each subsequent classification, passing 55 other institutions to reach its current position in the middle of the R2 field.

To reach R1, SMU must pass another 50 institutions. Reaching R1 should be viewed as an achievable ten-year goal. Being successful, however, will require improvement in

all seven of the Carnegie measures and is more like an Olympic decathlon than a single sprint race.



As detailed above, universities are ranked across seven metrics with the goal of achieving high rankings in as many of the seven metrics as possible. Shown in the figure above are the rank improvements, or the number of institutions SMU could

investment.

As you can see, an improvement of 1.9 ranks is achieved for every \$1 million in increased STEM research expenditures. In comparison, an improvement of 10 ranks is achieved in the STEM Postdoc metric for every additional \$1 million spent on postdoctoral salary and benefits. Smilarly, high improvement in ranks is driven by investment in Social Science and Humanities PhDs. An investment to increase conferrals of STEM PhDs and other research doctorates produces equal to or greater return than research expenditures alone.

What is also clear is that increasing the number of postdocs is our greatest assured return on investment, as the average postdoc salary (with benefits) is \$72,000. Increasing PhD conferrals also offer significant return on investment that will increase if the University improves on the current six-year completion rate of only 40-50% of PhD students completing in six years. However, these returns increase to even higher levels as our six-year completion rate approaches 60% - 70% (the rate at many of our aspirational and cohort peers). Improving and expanding our recruitment ability will allow us to attract top-quality future students.

Announcing: National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Award recipient Congratulations to Dr. Minh-