

MEET OUR STAFF



Office of the Vice President for Research: *From left to right—front row:* Robin Leverette-Dardy (Administrative Assistant), Dr. Neelam Azad (Vice President for Research), and Evelyn Stewart (Internal Auditor). *Middle row:* Ronald Beverley (Technical Support Assistant), Karen Brown (Grants Management Coordinator), Tiffany Joyner (Title III Coordinator), and Darrline Boggs (Title III Administrator Assistant). *Back row:* Masaccio Braun (Technical Support Assistant) Rashad Joyner (Director, Operations Analysis and Research), Tira Jackson, *replaced by Tijuana Jackson* (Director, Sponsored Programs), and Monica Rodriguez (Executive Assistant).

HU QEM RESEARCH WORKSHOP



The Hampton University office of the Vice President for Research organized a two-day Research Workshop - Cultivating Your Research Ideas: Federal Proposal Development, on January 9 and 10, 2023.

President Darrell K. Williams, delivered the opening remarks and emphasized that research is a major part of HU's strategic plan. Looking towards the future, President's goal "is to be back to R2 within the next research designation cycle which is 2025 and then towards R1 status. President Williams said, "I want to make it very, very clear, at least from the President, that I am dedicated to doing those things which are necessary from an institutional standpoint in order to get us there."



Dr. Neelam Azad, Vice President for Research said "This is the first time that there is a research workshop organized on campus for faculty and is being coordinated by QEM Network, which is Quality Education for Minorities. I am looking forward to great informative sessions and I am hopeful that the workshop will significantly benefit Hampton University Faculty." On day one, emphasis was placed on National Science Foundation (NSF) opportunities and day two was about National Institute of Health (NIH). During the workshop, HU faculty took part in small group breakout sessions with former NIH and NSF Program Officers and QEM Consultants. HU faculty participant, Dr. Damien Bevelle, Assistant Professor & Director of Pre-Law Institute, said "the information that was disseminated coupled with the access we will have to QEM's expertise, will empower our faculty to leverage the great work being done at Hampton to secure much deserved funding. I appreciate President Williams' and the university leadership commitment to empowering faculty to achieve our research and grantsmanship goals."

RESEARCH GRANTS



From the School of Science, Deidre M. Gibson, Ph.D., Associate Professor & Chair, Department of Marine and Environmental Sciences and Indu Sharma, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, together received \$1.17 M to support students and faculty research in marine and environmental sciences. Dr. Gibson is also funded (\$706,106) through NOAA - Living Marine Resources Cooperative Science Center (LMRCSC) to help address underrepresentation of minorities in marine sciences. Dr. Sharma and (Co-PIs Drs. Shawn Dash and Eric Lewallen) received \$400,000 from NSF to implement "Integration of microbial enrichment, physiology, and genomics via extended Course-based Undergraduate Research Experience (eCURE)" in the department of biological sciences.

Black History Month



1860s-January 5, 1943|Botanist, Inventor and Teacher | Born in slavery, George Washington Carver became a foremost botanist, inventor and teacher. He invented over 300 uses for the peanut and developed methods to prevent soil depletion. Carver was one of the most prominent black scientists of the early 20th century. For most of his career he taught and conducted research at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute (now Tuskegee University); Tuskegee, Alabama.

Trivia

This "hidden figure" was an African American mathematician and aerospace engineer, who graduated with high honors from Hampton University in 1942. Her story was told in the box-office hit Hidden Figures.

- A. Mary Jackson
- B. Wanda Sykes
- C. Tishaura Jones
- D. Katherine Johnson