

# Texas A&M University-Central Texas

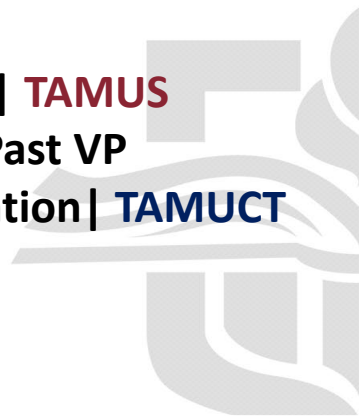


## ***Forge Research Park & Innovation District Summit #4 - January 9, 2024 “Forge Strategic Plan Overview”***

- ***Forge Strategic Plan: A&M Central Texas***
  - ***Past: Research Innovation & History***
  - ***Present: Research Imperatives (One to Seven)***
  - ***Future: Research Opportunities***
- ***Seeking Participants’ Input***



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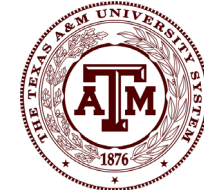


# Forge Strategic Plan: A&M Central Texas

## Past & Present



U.S. National  
Science  
Foundation



### Present: Research Imperatives (One to Seven)

- One: Defense Research Support
- Two: Alternative Energy Research Support
- Three: Cybersecurity Research Support
- Four: Healthcare Research Support
- Five: Data Analytics Research Support
- Six: Education & Archives Research Support
- Seven: Full A&M University-Central Texas Curriculum Research Support

### Past: Research Innovation & History

- 2009-2012: Tarleton Research Oversight & \$0 External Research
- 2012-2016: Start Local Grants/Contracts for Local Research
- 2016: First Federal Funds = NSF Solar Research with TAMU/UT-Austin /Colorado State University (Ongoing) \$1.4 Million & TAMUS Chancellor's Research Initiative = Electron Microscopes \$1.5 Million
- **2019-23: Last Five Years DHS/AFRL Cybersecurity Grant @ \$4.2 Million & Community Project Funds AFRL 2022 / ARL-ATEC-OTC 2023 @\$2.7 and \$3.9 Million (Due to Congressman Carter)**

**Total Research Grants > \$17 Million**



*Future Research Park & Innovation District  
Research Opportunities*

**“Forge University Research Park Strategic Plan 2024-2029”**

OLDCC Grant 2021 (A&M Central Texas / GKCC):  
Perkins & Will = Forge University Research Park  
(OLDCC Phase 2 with Innovation District) 2024?

Location, Location,  
Location:  
Fort Cavazos – OTC,  
TAMUS & RELIS, GKCC

Central Texas Businesses  
/Non-Profits (Harker  
Heights CC, Copperas  
Cove & Nolanville EDCs):  
Austin-Waco & Beyond

Research Imperatives  
One to Seven  
“Live-Work-Play”  
Conference Center

New Research: Electric  
Airplanes-Drones,  
Autonomous Vehicles,  
***Military Transition\****,  
AI/ML, Semiconductors

Forge University Research Park  
Initial / Plank Businesses  
Centex Technologies & Trideum Inc.



**U.S. Department of Defense**  
Office of Local Defense  
Community Cooperation



**FORT CAVAZOS**



**TAMUS & RELIS**



***\*Congressman Pfluger Community  
Project Fund 2024 Support***

***Seeking Participants' Input for Planning and Partnerships:***

***Contact Scott Connell – Chair, Forge University Research Park Strategic Plan***