

Scholars@TAMU Information Sheet

Highlighting the Expertise and Scholarship of Texas A&M

Scholars@TAMU (<http://scholars.tamu.edu>) is a research profile system that hosts searchable expertise profiles for faculty and TAMU organizations. Scholars @TAMU gathers this data from institution-level/enterprise systems, publicly available research data (e.g., grants and publications), and restricted/proprietary data. Faculty have control of their profile so it best represents their scholarly narrative and expertise.

Benefits for Faculty

1. **Enhance the discoverability of your expertise.** Your Scholars@TAMU profile aggregates data about your expertise and research interests.
2. **Find potential collaborators.** Discover potential collaborators by browsing departments or people, and searching by keywords or subject areas.
3. **Characterize your scholarly impact.** Scholars@TAMU integrates a tool that tracks scholarly impact metrics for your research and creative works. These include both traditional citations as well as alternative impact metrics such as usage, captures, mentions, social media and citations, such as downloads, video plays, blog posts, comments, etc. The metrics can be used to enhance your scholarly narrative. You have control over your profiles – log in to modify published information, add or delete works, or obtain and export analytics.
4. **Reduce your workload by “enter once, use many times”.** Data in Scholars@TAMU is structured such that individual faculty, departments, and colleges can generate a multitude of reports for proposal biosketches, program reviews, and accreditation. The data in Scholars can also be pushed to other uses, such as keeping web sites up-to-date.
5. **Make a range of scholarly objects accessible.** Faculty can publish a range of documents, such as presentations, data sets, syllabi, instructional activities, and reports, in Texas A&M’s institutional repositories. Documents made accessible through the repositories are discoverable by Google, listed on a Scholars@TAMU profile page, and generate impact metrics.

For more information

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Faculty will be able to review and update their profile at scholars.tamu.edu. Please note that we have worked to create an accurate first version of your profile, however, **we request your help** to update and improve its accuracy. Please contact Scholars@TAMU team (scholars@library.tamu.edu) to make adjustments to your profile.

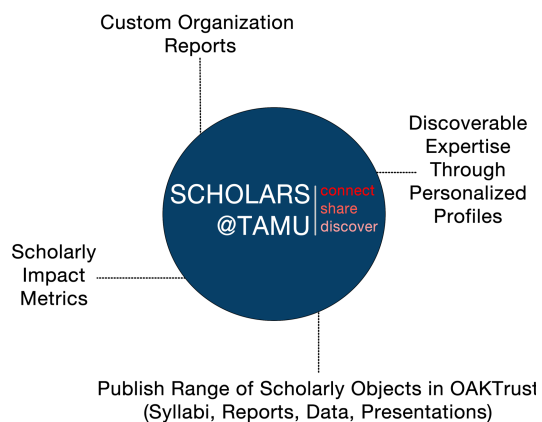
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An Authoritative System of Record for Expertise and Scholarly Reputation

We are working to develop faculty profiles that contain accurate, authoritative, and up-to-date information to serve three use cases: (i) enhanced discovery of TAMU expertise to help form collaborative teams or highlight TAMU research to society, (ii) Scholars@TAMU acting as a system of record of faculty work to support annual reviews, program evaluations, accreditation or other organizational activities through the generation of custom reports using our SQL database, and (iii) characterize research at Texas A&M, such as identifying areas of strength in interdisciplinary research, that can be used for strategic decision making.



Benefits for Administrators

1. **Support research collaboration.** Scholars@TAMU can be used to promote collaborative, interdisciplinary research in your unit by supporting discoverability of research expertise.
2. **Benchmark the scholarly impact of your organization.** Scholars@TAMU provides a database of the products of faculty work as well as measures of traditional scholarly impact (i.e. citations) and alternative measures of impact such as usage statistics, mentions in social media, and mainstream media coverage. Scholars@TAMU (will) integrate(s) Altmetric Explorer (<https://www.altmetric.com/products/explorer-for-institutions/>). Administrators will have access to download aggregated data as well as generate reports.
3. **Generate organization reports.** Data in Scholars@TAMU is stored in a SQL database with a customizable ontology, allowing us to generate a range of reports to annual evaluations, program reviews and accreditation.
4. **Support strategic decision-making.** The Office of Scholarly Communications is exploring the use of the data in Scholars@TAMU to explore questions on the nature of Texas A&M research and other activities to support strategic planning at Texas A&M. As an example, we are currently exploring how we can characterize interdisciplinary research at Texas A&M in support of emerging Centers and Institutes. We are interested in working with Administrative teams to identify other questions or issues of interest and define specific projects.

Project Governance

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