CAU has established a Research Center for Science and Technology to facilitate interdisciplinary and collaborative research between the University and national and federal laboratories, other universities, and industry, including small and minority high technology companies. The Research Center has approximately 200,000 sq. ft. of state of the art laboratories including a high-bay facility, office and conference space, and facilities in the main building and annex to facilitate interdisciplinary research in a variety of areas. These areas include:

- Cancer Research - Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development (CCRTD)
- Nanotechnology - Center for Functional Nanoscale Materials (CFNM)
- Synthesis and Characterization of Polymers, Composites, and Small Organic Molecules
- Biomedical and Biomolecular Research
- Materials for Water Treatment and Other Processes
- Nuclear and Atomic Physics
- Simulation and Modeling/Computational Science
- Cybersecurity and Information Assurance
- Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation
- Environmental Justice and Environmental Science

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MISSION

The mission of the Division of Research and Sponsored Programs (RSP) is to provide leadership in the establishment of partnerships between the faculty, the institution and its constituents, the facilitation of technology transfer and commercialization, and the development and implementation of the operational processes and policies of the research enterprise at CAU including the delivery of pre- and postaward services. This mission is realized through the delivery of value-added, "one-stop" support and management throughout the research and sponsored programs process through the collaboration of research administration, CAU research enterprise and technology transfer and commercialization efforts.

VISION

The Division of Research and Sponsored Programs seeks to leverage and support the diverse skills and expertise of our students, faculty, researchers, and staff to foster the growth of the research enterprise, provide exceptional research and educational experiences for our students, and make significant discoveries and contributions to the knowledge of humankind.

At Clark Atlanta University, we believe that research and education cannot be decoupled. Research and scholarly activity at CAU is essential in providing a world-class educational experience for our students.

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OVERVIEW

Clark Atlanta University (CAU) has a Carnegie classification of Research University - High Research Activity and is one of only four historically Black Colleges and Universities to earn such a distinction. CAU has built a significant base of basic and applied research and development activity in mathematics and the natural, physical, and computer sciences that are of national and global importance. The University is also engaged in a number of scholarly endeavors in the humanities, social sciences, business and education. Clark Atlanta University has established a substantial base for R&D, technology transfer and applications, and undergraduate and graduate education in science and technology. CAU has received major grants and contracts from the DOE, NASA, NSF, DOD, NIH, Dept. of Education, Intelligence Community, other federal agencies and industry.

SERVICES

RSP performs and assist with the following activities:

- identifying and pursuing new research initiatives and opportunities across the University;
- locating potential funding sources;
- monitoring the University’s compliance with federal, state, local, and institutional regulations relating to human subjects, animal care and use, biosafety, radiation safety, and research integrity;
- developing and providing education and training programs related to proposal development, grants management, research compliance; intellectual property management, etc.:
- guiding faculty and staff through the grant/contract application process;
- managing the proposal approval and endorsement process;
- maintaining University award files and records;
- coordinating and facilitating research partnerships, collaborative, and cooperative agreements;
- managing activities related to intellectual property (patents, copyrights, publication agreements, licensing), technology transfer and commercialization, and inventions;
- disseminating information on availability and deadlines on external funding opportunities in research;
- administering research grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements;
- pre-auditing restricted costs; and
- assisting with reporting related to grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements.