

Interdisciplinary Faculty of Toxicology Enhancement Fund

Contributions to the Interdisciplinary Faculty of Toxicology (IFT) Enhancement Fund will help make a difference by assisting faculty in their efforts to provide students with a challenging academic and research environment and to improve animal, human, and environmental health.



The Initiative

The Interdisciplinary Faculty of Toxicology (IFT) in the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University was originally derived from a faculty-driven initiative to capitalize on the diverse strengths of individual investigators from multiple departments with interests in environmental health and toxicology. The IFT was established in 1989 by faculty from six colleges and 17 departments at Texas A&M and affiliated state and federal laboratories. Students receive their degree in toxicology and retain an affiliation with the home department of their graduate mentors and fulfill the academic requirements of both their department and the IFT.

This transdisciplinary model has greatly facilitated development of outstanding graduates who possess a strong understanding of environmental health sciences, and also appreciate the diverse skills of scientists with different research interests. IFT graduates have been highly successful and play an essential role in protecting human and environmental health and are respected leaders in industry, government, and academia.

Our Objective

The major objective of the IFT is to provide students at Texas A&M with a challenging academic and research environment that will prepare them for future careers as leaders in the field, focusing on improving animal, human, and environmental health.

Your Support

Concerns about the quality and safety of our environment have evoked a growing awareness of the significant hazards associated with diverse organic and metal pollutants in air, water, and food destined for human consumption. Many of these pollutants can have severe and long-lasting effects on the health of animals, humans, and the environment. Clearly, interdisciplinary research is warranted to enhance our ability to assess, manage, and mitigate these environmental risks globally.

Your contributions to the IFT Enhancement Fund will make an immediate impact and will help us to achieve our major objective by supporting:

- Student training and scholarship
- Travel to Toxicology conferences
- Interdisciplinary IFT workshops
- Toxicology seminars and forums



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Mark Francis Fellows

Private contributions provide the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences with the financial help required to maintain its vitality and to strengthen its national influence.

Giving

Although Texas A&M University is a state-assisted institution, it must rely on private contributions and support to maintain its excellence. When you have made one or more contributions totalling \$1,000 to any of the development initiatives at the college, you become a Mark Francis Fellow. Fellows help meet needs in several fundamental areas including student scholarships and financial aid, equipment, public outreach, academic programs, research, and animal treatment.

Major Areas of Support

- Enroll the most talented students, regardless of their financial status
- Recruit and retain the very best scholars and teachers
- Provide environmental and technological resources conducive to learning and research
- Provide assistance to clients who may not otherwise be able to afford life-saving medical treatment for their pets
- Enhance innovative programs, such as practitioner involvement in clinical research, education, technology, basic research, new initiatives in patient care, and new thrusts in continuing education

Membership Levels

As Fellows continue to give to the college, they are recognized at the following levels:

Basic	\$1,000–\$2,499
Maroon Level I	\$2,500–\$4,999
Maroon Level II	\$5,000–\$9,999
Maroon Level III	\$10,000–\$24,999
Diamond Level I	\$25,000–\$49,999
Diamond Level II	\$50,000–\$99,999
Diamond Level III	\$100,000 and over

Being a Mark Francis Fellow

Fellows comprise a select group of College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences advocates who find satisfaction in close involvement with a college whose achievements are immediate, tangible, and significant.

Fellows are people who are concerned about Texas veterinary medicine—people who recognize that the college is in a unique position to make important advancements for animals and human beings through education, research, and service.

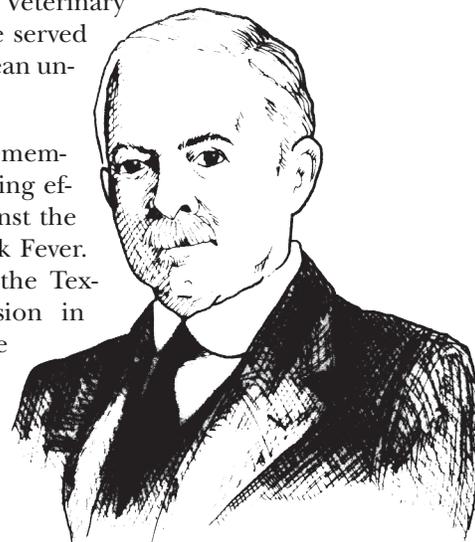
Fellows are the leaders for voluntary giving and set the pace for other donors to the college.

As a Mark Francis Fellow, your gifts will enable Texas A&M University to continue its long-standing tradition of making a difference in veterinary medicine.

About Dr. Mark Francis

Dr. Mark Francis became the first professor of veterinary science at Texas A&M and was largely responsible for the establishment of the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1916. He served as the college's first dean until his death in 1936.

Francis is fondly remembered for his pioneering efforts in the fight against the devastating Texas Tick Fever. He helped organize the Texas veterinary profession in 1903 and became the first president of the newly formed state organization, which later became the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA).



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