

## **Cindy Lyle**

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Cynthia (Cindy) Lyle holds the position of Associate Director of Research Development at the Office of Research in The Texas A&M University System. She supports the Research Development team in generating high-quality research proposals across the 11 System institutions and eight agencies.

Cindy's career began at the International Ocean Drilling Program where she established her passion for research aboard the JOIDES Resolution drilling vessel. This was followed by 20 years of research, philanthropic, and business development with Texas A&M University System partners including Managing Partner on NASA phase I, II, and III Small Business Innovation Research



(SBIR) awards; Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations and Senior Research Development Officer at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; Associate Director of Texas Sea Grant; and Senior Research Development Officer at the Texas A&M Energy Institute.

Through these roles, Cindy has served as principal investigator/co-principal investigator on 20 sponsored projects. Her strategic leadership in proposal development has supported interdisciplinary and multi-institutional teams on National Science Foundation; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; NASA; US Department of Energy; US Department of Agriculture; NATO; Federal Aviation Administration; National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; and other sponsored projects.

Cindy's philosophy for successful project development is rooted in strong leadership, solid science, strategic partnerships, a uniquely qualified team, innovative and convergent ideas, and well-crafted proposals. She strives to support Texas A&M University System partners on innovations that make an impact to advance the lives and well-being of the citizens of Texas, the nation, and our world.