



Chancellor
Louisiana State University Health Shreveport
Shreveport, Louisiana

THE SEARCH

Louisiana State University Health Shreveport (LSUHS) invites inquiries, applications, and nominations for the position of Chancellor. Based in Shreveport, Louisiana, the next Chancellor will be an inspirational and accomplished leader who will work collaboratively with faculty, staff, students, and community partners to continue LSUHS's exciting trajectory of growth. With an enrollment of over 1,000 students, 600+ residents/fellows, more than 2,600 employees, and 8,000+ alumni, LSUHS is a leading economic driver of the region and plays a vital role in northern Louisiana. The next Chancellor will join LSUHS at an exciting time in the organization's history; the campus is poised to systematically catalyze clinical care, education, and research innovation to serve the vital healthcare needs of the community.

LSUHS's roots date back to 1876 with the establishment of a charity hospital in Shreveport, followed by the establishments of the School of Medicine (1965), School of Graduate Studies (1965), and School of Allied Health Professions (1977). As a state with some of the lowest health indicators in the nation, Louisiana presents significant healthcare challenges, and LSUHS has played a critical role in helping to meet those needs. LSUHS ranks in the top 5% in the nation for retaining graduates in-state to practice medicine and over 70% of physicians in northern Louisiana obtained educational training at LSUHS. Over 90% of graduates from the School of Allied Health Professions in the past three years have remained in the state.

While the healthcare needs in Louisiana are significant, LSUHS has taken proactive steps to meet those needs head-on, significantly expanding its research enterprise (extramural grant funding increased by 326% between FY15 and FY21), building out new space for education and clinical operations (the state-of-the-art, 165,000 square-foot, \$78 million project [Center for Medical Education](#) is scheduled to open in the fall of 2023), and forging a strong partnership with the Ochsner Health system. On Oct. 1, 2018, Ochsner Health and LSU Health Shreveport jointly formed the Ochsner LSU Health System of North Louisiana to oversee and coordinate activities between the health sciences center and the healthcare delivery system in Shreveport and Monroe. The Chancellor will inherit the strong momentum built over the last several years and will have both the community support and significant resources available to cement LSUHS's position as one of the most important organizations in the region.

Reporting to the LSU President, the Chancellor serves as LSUHS's chief executive, overseeing the strategy and operations for the campus' schools, clinical, and research operations. The Chancellor will capitalize on the recent growth and extend LSUHS's impact beyond Shreveport, building an enterprise that serves the entire northern Louisiana region. The Chancellor will collaborate with faculty, staff, and students, as well as with partners within the community and state, to develop a comprehensive vision and strategic plan that aligns with the forthcoming LSU strategic plan. This is an exciting opportunity for an accomplished executive to join LSU Health Shreveport at a pivotal period, capitalizing on the campus'

development as a growing health science center forging new frontiers in research, education and training, and patient care. The successful candidate will bring a distinguished record of leadership and success in academic health center research, education, and patient care. The Chancellor will bring a deep commitment to advancing diversity and creating inclusive, equitable organizational culture. An MD, PhD, or equivalent degree is required.

LSUHS has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist with this important search. Inquiries, nominations, and applications should be directed in confidence to the firm as indicated at the end of this document.

LSU HEALTH SHREVEPORT

The primary mission of LSU Health Shreveport (LSUHS) is to teach, heal, and discover in order to advance the well-being of the region and beyond. LSUHS encompasses the School of Medicine, School of Graduate Studies, School of Allied Health Professions, Graduate Medical Education (GME), and a growing research enterprise.

LSU Health Shreveport faculty members educate and train the next generation of healthcare professionals and scientists who continue a proud legacy of providing innovative and lifesaving healthcare and participating in cutting-edge medical research. As the only academic medical center in North Louisiana and one of only three in the state, LSU Health Shreveport is a revered treasure in a community that fought for decades for its creation. As the sixth largest employer in Caddo-Bossier, LSUHS provides over 4,000 jobs and has a direct economic impact of \$600 million: if you add the number of alumni practicing in North Louisiana, that number increases to \$3 billion.

LSU Health Shreveport is committed to:

- Educating physicians, basic scientists, residents, fellows, and allied health professionals based on state-of-the-art curricula, methods, and facilities, preparing students for careers in healthcare service, teaching, and research.
- Providing state-of-the-art clinical care, including a range of tertiary special services, to a diverse regional base of patients.
- Achieving distinction and international recognition for basic science and clinical research programs that contribute to the body of knowledge and practice in science and medicine.
- Supporting the region and the state in economic growth and prosperity by utilizing research and knowledge to engage in productive partnerships with the private sector.
- Fostering a culture of diversity and inclusion that promotes mutual respect for all.

For more information on the LSU system and the LSU Foundation, please see the appendix.

[The School of Medicine](#)

For over fifty years, LSU Health Shreveport has been educating healthcare professionals who excel at the highest levels in academia, private practice, and industry. After much perseverance by north Louisiana lawmakers, physicians, and community supporters, the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport was officially authorized by the Louisiana Legislature in 1965. The first class of 32 medical students was enrolled in 1969, with classes held at the nearby Veterans Administration Hospital. The first Doctor of Medicine (MD)

degrees were awarded in 1973. The School of Medicine now accommodates classes of over 150 students and has over 4,500 alumni, many of which remain in north Louisiana.

Today, LSU Health Shreveport is home to the only medical school in north Louisiana and one of only three in the state. Medical students interact with patients from their very first semester and learn from a combination of lectures, small groups, standardized patient exercises, and develop their clinical skills throughout their training. In 2021, there were 583 students enrolled in the School of Medicine and over 590 residents and fellows partaking in 40 ACGME accredited programs. Medical students are provided with rigorous clinical and academic training, which has served them well in the National Resident Matching Program. The overall “Match” rate for LSUHS over the past five years is 98.94%. The School of Medicine recently completed their LCME visit and anticipate results in the Fall of 2022.

The primary teaching hospitals of LSU Health Shreveport are located in Shreveport (Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport Academic Medical Center and St. Mary Medical Center) and Monroe (Monroe Medical Center). Additional teaching sites include the Overton Brooks VA Medical Center, Shriner’s Hospital for Children, Willis-Knighton Medical Center, CHRISTUS Health and Rapides Medical Center. LSU Health Shreveport faculty are the only providers of physician services at the Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport Academic Medical Center and Monroe Medical Center.

[Ochsner LSU Health](#)

In 2018, the State of Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors on behalf of LSU Health Shreveport, and the faculty practice group at the time, announced a public-private partnership agreement to form Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport to oversee and coordinate activities between the health sciences center and the healthcare delivery system. Under the new structure, Ochsner has brought nationally recognized expertise to the management of operations in hospital partners. This agreement marked a new beginning for healthcare delivery in north Louisiana and is a benchmark for public-private healthcare operations. The partnership has allowed healthcare innovation in the state with significant investments to expand patient-centered technology, advance patient care within a safety net mission, and to develop new models of care.

Ochsner LSU Health provides care for common and complex medical needs to more than 140,000 patients annually with 600,000 clinic visits last year alone. Ochsner LSU Health Physician Group has approximately 500 physicians in more than 70 specialties and subspecialties. Since its inception, Ochsner LSU Health has hired more than 280 new physicians and enhanced the workforce by more than 800 full-time employees, transitioned from 7 outpatient locations to more than 20 outpatient locations, and invested more than \$200 million in capital improvements with facility upgrades and renovations, new state-of-the-art equipment, and innovative technology.

Centers

[The Center for Medical Education](#), slated to open in 2023, will be a state-of-the-art educational space dedicated to improving the student experience. The space will include two innovative 250-seat classrooms, a 500-seat auditorium, a clinical skills center, a specialized patient examination suite, private small-group study rooms, and training labs with state-of-the-art technology. Once completed, the Center for Medical Education will enable LSUHS to enroll more than 50 additional healthcare students per year, helping to continue to meet the rising healthcare challenges in the region.

The Center for Medical Education will also be the new home to [The Center of Excellence for Emerging Viral Threats](#) (CEVT), which was created in 2020 to help combat the COVID-19 epidemic. Since its creation, the CEVT has helped LSUHS to lead Louisiana in genome sequencing with over 10,000 SARS-CoV-2 genomes sequenced, holding the potential for long-term control of COVID-19 and in preparing for future viral threats. Currently, the CEVT is the only academic center in Louisiana to obtain complete genome sequencing of the viruses and is working closely with the World Health Organization (WHO) and CDC-sanctioned testing labs. In addition, the CEVT has provided life-saving clinical trials, expanded testing, and developed large-scale community vaccination clinics to include outreach to the medically underserved.

[Feist-Weiller Cancer Center](#)

The Feist-Weiller Cancer Center (FWCC) was designated as a Center of Excellence in Cancer Treatment, Research, Education and Prevention by the Louisiana Board of Regents in 1993. The FWCC brings together oncologists, hematologists, surgeons, radiologists, therapists, and basic science researchers to offer preeminent cancer research, prevention programs, and treatment for patients. There are four comprehensive programs at FWCC; the Program in Translational Research, the Program in Tumor Virology, focus groups in Cancer Cell Biology, and the Innovative North Louisiana Experimental Therapeutics Program. FWCC also maintains a partnership with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, which includes a St. Jude Affiliate Clinic where children are treated according to St. Jude protocols.

Faculty at FWCC conduct translational and clinical research, with research conducted on key signal transduction pathways, protein synthesis, epigenetics and gene expression, and tumor virology across numerous tumor types. The FWCC also participates in the NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP), leading enrollment for numerous clinical trials.

Other cross-disciplinary centers include the [Center of Excellence in Arthritis and Rheumatology](#), the [Center of Excellence for Cardiovascular Diseases and Sciences](#), the [Center for Brain Health](#), and the [Louisiana Addiction Research Center](#).

[The School of Allied Health Professions \(SAHP\)](#)

The SAHP in Shreveport was originally established in 1977. It was created as a branch of the New Orleans School of Allied Health and began with three academic programs—Cardiopulmonary Science, Medical Technology, and Speech-Language Pathology. Today, the School of Allied Health Professions is comprised of eight academic programs, three post-professional residency programs for physical therapists who hold a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, and three specialized clinics: the [Children’s Center](#) which provides developmental and psychological testing and treatment for children, Mollie E. Webb [Speech and Hearing Center](#) which offers highly specialized speech and hearing care, and the [Rehabilitation Clinic](#) which provides state-of-the-art occupational, physical, and speech-language therapy. The SAHP is also home to the [Center of Academic Excellence for Patient Centered Rehabilitation](#), which brings together the academic, research, and clinical programs to enhance learning, innovation, and collaboration.

The SAHP enrolls approximately 340 students and has graduated over 3,600 alumni. The school’s mission is to advance health professions through excellence in education, research, and service. The strategic plan for the school is focused on aligning student support service needs with institutional goals, providing meaningful inter-professional education (IPE) opportunities to promote collaborative practice,

implementing a robust faculty development program, enhancing enrollment, diversity and inclusion initiatives, and increasing the quality and scholarship disseminated from the school while prioritizing the collective and individual research development. The school is focused on promoting community awareness, expanding clinical service access for professional programs, and increasing the SAHP's footprint across the LSU Health institution.

[The School of Graduate Studies](#)

The School of Graduate Studies offers PhD degrees in six programs (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Cellular Biology and Anatomy, Microbiology and Immunology, Molecular and Cellular Physiology, Pathology and Translational Pathobiology, and Pharmacology, Toxicology, and Neuroscience), an MS degree in Biomedical Science, and a combined MD-PhD degree program. Working with supportive faculty mentors, students are prepared to become biomedical scientists and educators, contributing to advances in healthcare and biotechnology and training the next generation of basic scientists, physicians, and other healthcare professionals.

The School of Graduate Studies was established as part of the LSU Medical Center (known as LSU Health Shreveport today) in 1965, with degrees offered in five basic science departments. The first class was accepted in 1974 and the first PhD degree awarded in 1978. The School of Graduate Studies enrolls approximately 70 students annually and has graduated over 490 alumni.

[Research](#)

Research is a core part of LSU Health Shreveport's mission and ranges from traditional to translational research, along with innovative clinical trials. Faculty, staff, and students from all three of LSU Health Shreveport's professional schools are actively engaged in comprehensive research efforts across a variety of biomedical areas with concentrations in cancer, cardiovascular sciences, virology, and neuroscience.

Research and Innovation is on the rise at LSUHS:

- Total Extramural Grant Funding for FY20-21 was \$18.8M (326% increase since FY15)
- 480 Active Clinical Studies on campus, 27 using external IRB
- 9 U.S. and Foreign patents issued in FY21
- Total Licensing Income FY14-20 was \$6,369,000

[The LSUHS Foundation](#)

LSU Health Shreveport is supported by a dedicated foundation that connects donors and alumni to support the healing, teaching, and innovative research happening on campus. The foundation, established in 1997, is a non-profit, institutionally-related foundation with the sole mission of supporting LSUHS in its endeavors. The endowment for LSUHS has grown to over \$200 million and the foundation manages over \$300 million in net assets, providing substantial resources to the growing campus. The foundation has been integral in acquiring funds to support the new Center for Medical Education building and is currently raising funds to support the centers, departments, and students on the medical school.

THE CHANCELLOR

LSUHS seeks an inspirational and accomplished leader who is responsible for all facets of the campus' administration and academic portfolio. The Chancellor will serve as the face of health sciences in the northern region of Louisiana and will play a vital role in guiding the academic medical center into the future. The next Chancellor will play a critical role to build not only a thriving academic medical center but to serve an entire region. The Chancellor can build upon a platform that has strong health analytics, superb academic programs, a growing research portfolio, an impactful clinical partnership, and deep ties to a deserving community. LSU Health Shreveport is an incubator for biomedical sciences and supports the most distressed areas in the state. The Chancellor has the opportunity to have a tremendous impact on health disparities and continue to anchor a community that has a bright future.

Reporting to the President of LSU, the Chancellor's direct reports include: the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance, Vice Chancellor for Monroe Clinical Affairs and Shreveport Clinical Affairs, Vice Chancellor for Research, Chief Counsel, Senior Advisor to the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs & Chief of Staff, as well as the Deans of the School of Medicine, School of Allied Health, and Graduate School.

The Chancellor will oversee a budget of over \$440 million, where 14% comes from state appropriation, 52% comes from the practice plan and over 12% comes from grants and contracts. The Chancellor will continue to advocate for support with key legislative bodies and the broader community. The Chancellor must be informed and adept at discussing critical health issues in the state and national arenas and be a respected voice.

The Chancellor will seek to address the following:

KEY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Set a strategic vision for the campus in alignment with the overall vision for the LSU system

LSUHS has undergone tremendous growth in the past few years, increasing enrollment, doubling its revenue, and more than tripling its extramurally funded research. A new medical education and well-being building is being constructed and there are opportunities for additional expansion of infrastructure and programs. LSUHS and its clinical partner are well positioned to provide care for the entirety of northern Louisiana, an area with severe health disparities and lack of access. The next Chancellor will look holistically at the campus, community, region, and goals of the LSU system to create and execute a lasting vision for the future of LSUHS. This vision will center on the pillars of academic medicine and health sciences – education, research, clinical care, and serving the region – and take advantage of the incredible growth trajectory already underway on campus.

Advance educational excellence and teaching innovation across the LSUHS schools

LSUHS is an academic medical center with a strong reputation for excellence in training the next generation of healthcare providers, educators, and biomedical researchers. The schools offer an array of undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degree programs, as well as residency and fellowship programs across all three schools. Education, including medical education, is rapidly changing and the Chancellor will embrace a culture of innovation in education, including interprofessional education opportunities and strengthening practical experiences within the community.

Nurture and enhance research endeavors

LSUHS is growing its research portfolio at an astounding pace with a particular emphasis on cancer, cardiovascular disease, emerging pathogens, brain health, and patient centered rehabilitation. As more faculty are hired and research fields developed, the next Chancellor will ensure that resources and infrastructure are scaled to provide support across translational, clinical, and outcomes/disparities research, including access to data. The Chancellor will amplify the reach of the exceptional research being done on campus, broadcasting important discoveries regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Strengthen the commitment to maintaining a diverse and inclusive community internally and fostering support of a diverse community externally

LSUHS serves a diverse population, including urban and rural communities and people across the socioeconomic spectrum. The community is ready for better representation and is proud of the work being done at LSUHS. The Chancellor must be dedicated to providing services for all people in the region. This dedication should manifest itself in numerous ways, first and foremost in setting an inclusive and welcoming culture on campus. The Chancellor will seize upon the momentum on campus and prioritize making LSUHS a beacon for health equity, opportunity, access, inclusion, and community engagement in the region and will champion a culture of excellence and collaboration.

Lead all schools in the development of their resources while maintaining their alignment with campus and LSU system initiatives

Each individual school is an intricate entity, balancing the needs of the students, faculty, and community while ensuring that each school is appropriately resourced to achieve the multitude of missions inherent in a complex academic medical center. The Chancellor is responsible for ensuring LSUHS's financial success and will be a prudent steward of resources. The successful candidate will be creative in growing resources for the campus, nurturing diverse revenue streams including a strong clinical partnership as well as state and federal funding to support the broader mission of the campus and system.

Philanthropy has long played a transformational role at LSU Health Shreveport, with total contributions of over \$8.6 million in FY20. The Chancellor will work with the LSUHS Foundation to encourage philanthropic giving, embracing philanthropy and engaging major donors. The Chancellor will also be cognizant of the opportunities to combine resources within the campus and LSU system as a whole, building mutually beneficial connections between schools and campuses to advance the overall mission of LSU. The Chancellor will advance collaboration opportunities with LSU Shreveport, a sister LSU institution. LSUHS and LSU Shreveport currently offer an online Masters in Public Health program and there are additional avenues available for partnership. For more on LSU Shreveport, please see the appendix.

Continue to enhance LSUHS's ability to meet the healthcare needs of the region

The people of north Louisiana have long suffered from issues of access, health disparities, and some of the highest rates of disease in the nation. The combination of resources, talent, and need in the community have positioned LSUHS to lead the improvement in care for this underserved population. The Chancellor will recognize the gravity and importance of tackling this complex issue and invest their time, energy, and resources to bring cutting edge care to those whose struggles are too often ignored. The Chancellor will work to expand the reach of LSUHS in the I-20 corridor between Shreveport and Monroe

and championing the expansion of services in Monroe, including a new cancer center to provide comprehensive care and access to clinical trials for the region.

Further develop the partnership and integration of LSUHS and Ochsner Health

LSUHS has engaged with Ochsner Health to provide clinical care for the region. Since the public-private partnership began in 2018, revenues to LSUHS have doubled and provided a stable base of funding to advance the academic mission of the campus. This partnership can be grown, further expanding clinical outreach to communities across the I-20 corridor. The Chancellor serves in a rotation with the CEO of Ochsner Health Shreveport as the Chair of the Board for Ochsner LSU Health System of North Louisiana. The Dean of the Medical School also holds the title of Chief Medical Officer at Ochsner LSU Health Shreveport. This partnership has provided great dividends for the community, LSUHS, and Ochsner, and the next Chancellor will recognize additional opportunities to leverage the strengths of Ochsner Health and LSUHS to benefit the community.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

LSUHS's next Chancellor must have an outstanding administrative record coupled with considerable strategic health care experience and demonstrated executive management capabilities. This individual is tasked with leading and inspiring all members of the LSUHS campus—a job that requires strong interpersonal skills and the capacity to bring diverse constituents together. Having an eye on all missions, this leader will bring a visionary approach to interdisciplinary research and interprofessional education and practice. The desired qualifications and experience of the next Chancellor include:

- An MD, MD/PhD, PhD, or equivalent is required;
- A distinguished record of academic achievement, including accomplishments across education, research, and clinical service;
- A record of successful leadership in a large academic medical center unit, including financial, strategic, and personnel oversight;
- A deep commitment to and concrete experience in fostering and supporting programs that address equity, inclusion, diversity, and access;
- Proven support for innovation in health professional education programs, including promoting exceptional teaching and learning in an interprofessional environment;
- The capacity to effectively lead within an academic community based on consensus-building, transparency, and candid communication;
- A commitment to excellence in recruiting, retaining, and developing faculty in both the basic sciences and clinical tracks and tenure and non-tenure stream tracks;
- A history of strategic investment in faculty and their research, and extensive experience in promoting interdisciplinary research;
- A demonstrated ability to identify and recruit outstanding leaders across all functional areas;
- Effectiveness in a complex system of distributed leadership; experience working in a highly matrixed environment; the proven capacity to build enduring partnerships in a demanding clinical environment;
- A deep understanding of both academic health centers and universities and the broad challenges and opportunities facing both;
- A demonstrated success in securing philanthropic support;

- An eagerness and commitment to engage the university community broadly, to collaborate with deans and schools across the entire university systems, and to function as a key member of the university's leadership team;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to speak with, listen to, and interact with scientists and non-scientists across disciplines and to operate at the highest levels of academic, business, and government leadership.

SHREVEPORT, BOSSIER CITY AND MONROE

Shreveport is located in Caddo Parish in the Northwest corner of Louisiana. The city has a population of approximately 188,000 people according to the U.S. Census as of 2018 and is the third most populous city in Louisiana. Shreveport is the educational, commercial, and cultural center of the Ark-La-Tex region, where Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas meet. In addition to being the home of LSUHS and LSU -Shreveport, Centenary College of Louisiana, Louisiana Tech University Shreveport, Southern University at Shreveport, and Louisiana Baptist University are all located in Shreveport.

Shreveport is a majority-minority community, with over 56% of residents identifying as Black and African American. In the city, 25% of the population lives at or below the poverty line, and median household income is approximately \$40K. Shreveport is well known for its riverboat casinos, year-round downtown festivals, celebrated southern cuisine, and a business-friendly economic environment.

Bossier City, Shreveport's "sister city," is located immediately East of Shreveport. As of 2017, the population is approximately 68,000. Bossier City has increased its population by 21% since 2000. The population of Bossier City is predominantly white (50%), and the median household income is approximately \$48K. The city is famed for its iconic riverfront, East Bank entertainment and arts district, and historic highland neighborhood.

Monroe is located in the northeast corner of the state and is the eighth-largest city in the state with approximately 47,000 residents. Demographically, Monroe resembles Shreveport, with 62% of residents identifying as Black and African American and a median household income of \$30K. Monroe is best known for its museums (among them: Biedenharn Museum & Gardens, Masur Museum of Art, Northeast Louisiana Children's Museum and the Chennault Aviation & Military Museum), cultural attractions (The Monroe Symphony Orchestra, events at Flying Tiger Brewery and Monroe's renowned Christmas celebrations), and numerous restaurants downtown and on the Ouachita riverfront.

Monroe is the site of the sister hospital to the Ochsner Louisiana Health Shreveport Academic Medical Center- Monroe Medical Center.

TO APPLY:

LSU Health Shreveport has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist in this search. All inquiries, nominations, and applications, should be directed in confidence to:

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Please note that the Public Records Act of Louisiana also known as Louisiana's Sunshine Law, requires that all documents related to the search process, including letters of application be made available for public inspection, but discussions of the character and professional competence can remain in closed session.

APPENDIX

LSU System

The LSU System is dedicated to providing a positive learning environment that enables students to achieve their full potential. It includes the LSU Agricultural and Mechanical College at Baton Rouge (the flagship university for the state); campus units at Alexandria, Eunice, and Shreveport; Health Science Centers in New Orleans and Shreveport; LSU Agricultural Center; and Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge.

The LSU campuses report to the President of LSU, who in turn reports to the LSU Board of Supervisors, composed of two members from each congressional district and three members from the state at large, appointed by the governor with confirmation of the Senate.

Collectively, LSU has more than 50,000 students including more than 12,000 graduate students; it also has 2,000 professional students in the Health Centers alone. In 2019, it granted 6,400 bachelor degrees; 3,200 masters degrees; 340 doctoral degrees; and 700 professional or associate degrees. These degrees included 2,200 STEM degrees; 950 in Nursing and Health; and 300 MDs. There are 3,000 full-time-equivalent faculty members, including 1,340 tenured or tenure-track. The LSU System has an endowment with a market value larger than \$900M, about \$350M in annual research expenditures, and more than 200 active licenses.

William F. Tate IV serves as president of LSU, having been appointed by the Board of Supervisors in May 2021. He holds faculty appointments in sociology (primary), psychiatry and behavioral medicine (clinical), epidemiology (secondary), and population and public health (secondary) at the Baton Rouge campus, LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, and Pennington Biomedical Research Center respectively. As the chief executive and academic officer of both the LSU system and the LSU flagship campus in Baton Rouge, the LSU president provides strategic and collaborative leadership in developing and advancing aspirational goals and plans to achieve LSU's mission of fostering first-class learning, the discovery of innovations, and the development of Louisiana's human capital by applying research and scholarship in advancing intellectual, personal, and professional growth.

LSU includes institutions, facilities, and programs in each of Louisiana's 64 parishes. LSU campuses stretch the length of the state from New Orleans to Shreveport. Each institution plays a vital role in preparing students to incorporate new knowledge and new technologies into their daily lives. The campuses include:

- [LSU Flagship](#)
- [LSU Shreveport](#)
- [LSU Health - New Orleans](#)
- [LSU Alexandria](#)
- [Pennington Biomedical Research Center](#)
- [LSU Health - Shreveport](#)
- [LSU Eunice](#)
- [LSU Ag Center](#)

LSU Shreveport

Also located in Shreveport is Louisiana State University in Shreveport, led by its own Chancellor, Mr. Larry Clark, who also reports to the LSU President. LSUS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award degrees at the Baccalaureate, Master's, Educational Specialist and Doctoral levels. LSUS currently has around 8,000 total students enrolled in 25 undergraduate degree programs, a dozen master's degree programs, and more recently a Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) in Leadership Studies.

LSUS has become a national leader in online education. One of its graduate programs is an online Masters in Public Health (MPH) program that is offered through a collaboration between LSUS and the College of Allied Health of LSUHS. Numerous LSUHS faculty, staff and students have completed this program and/or the LSUS Online MBA and/or Masters of Health Administration degree programs.

Besides the MPH program, there are a number of additional collaboration matters between LSUS and LSUHS. To illustrate, LSUS provides the general education courses in support of three current undergraduate programs in the College of Allied Health (and will further do so for the upcoming B.S. in Nursing consortium between LSUHNO, LSUHS and LSUS). In addition, there are ongoing discussions concerning the establishment of a number of joint degree programs involving some combination of years at each institution. In addition, over time, there have been a number of LSUS and LSUHS faculty actively engaged in collaborative research, including a long-standing collaborative team focused on bioinformatics. More recently, both sports medicine and Allied Health professors and students have been involved in the LSUS Cyber Collaboratory and/or Human Performance Lab.

LSU Foundation

The LSU Foundation is the primary fundraising entity for academics at [LSU](#). The LSU Foundation's sole purpose is to provide philanthropic support to LSU, which they accomplish through the work of a campus-wide team of frontline development officers and a support team of advancement services, communications and marketing, donor relations, financial and talent management personnel.

The LSU Foundation was established in 1960 and has since grown to include over 100 frontline development officers and support staff. During FY21, the Foundation solicited more than \$50M of donations, including \$19.8M from alumni and \$11.5M from outside foundations. The Foundation is currently overseeing the [Fierce for The Future Campaign](#)- the largest campaign for higher education in the history of Louisiana, with an ambitious goal of \$1.5B to help support LSU's ability to enact positive change in the state and around the world. Fierce for the Future is LSU's first campaign to unite all of the system's campuses, representing a new model of collaboration and support that spans the state. Pillars of the Fierce for the Future Campaign include Arts and Culture, Coast, Energy and Environment, Research and Economic Development, Health and Well-being, Education and Leadership.