

# They got \$23 million and a presidential visit. What's next for Tulane's Cancer Moonshot project?

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Project leads J. Quincy Brown (left), associate professor of biomedical engineering, and Brian Summa, associate professor of computer science, test a prototype of a new imaging system.

On a recent weekday, the unmistakable stench of decay filled a lab at the Tulane University School of Science and Engineering.

The digestive tract of a cow, picked up on the northshore and stored in a lab fridge, had quickly decomposed over the weekend, leaving behind a putrid odor.

After rebagging the spoiled intestines, two scientists hauled the mess to the nearest dumpster. The fridge, however, could not be saved, a casualty of the ambitious work underway.

“It was like a Katrina fridge,” said Dr. J. Quincy Brown, a biomedical engineering associate professor.

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