

Tulane Faculty Honored at the 2025 Research, Scholarship and Artistic Achievement Awards Ceremony

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Professor and Nicholas J. Altiero professor of Department of Computer Science, School of Science and Engineering, Aron Culotta wins the 2025 Convergence Award. This award recognizes a Tulane scholar or team of scholars who successfully collaborate across schools, units and departments to surpass traditional academic disciplines and further the research mission.

The growing impact of Tulane University's research was celebrated at the annual Research, Scholarship and Artistic Achievement Awards, which took

place Nov. 7 at the Higgins Hotel in downtown New Orleans. The awards honor the groundbreaking accomplishments of faculty across the university.

“This year has been one for the record books, and it’s building on momentum that shows no signs of stopping,” President Michael A. Fitts told attendees and honorees. “Your achievements are driving historic university-wide initiatives that are growing our impact both locally and worldwide.”

Chad Steele, chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology in the School of Medicine and interim vice president for research, noted that Tulane investigators have received the majority of federal funding they applied for over the past three years.

“We have an extraordinary success rate that illustrates the quality and competitiveness of our investigators’ applications,” he said. “This level of sustained growth is the best guarantee that Tulane will remain among the top academic institutions participating in the prestigious Association of American Universities.”

Fitts also praised the faculty for the research they have published and the citations they have received over the past year.

“This reflects the tremendous scholarly and societal importance of your work, from maternal health, to AI, to water and climate challenges,” he said.

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