

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST

Chancellor Cigarroa has asked all of the UT System health components to survey their faculty regarding Global Initiatives. As you may know, in fall 2007, the UT System launched the Global Initiative to support and enhance these existing efforts and to help increase internationalization throughout the System. Steve DePaul, Director of Global Initiatives, and the UT System Global Health Working Group, chaired by UTMB's Dr. Janice Smith and comprised of faculty from all of the health institutions, have designed an online survey instrument that will help provide the first comprehensive picture of current global projects, including courses, training activities, service, as well as clinical, basic and translational research. The survey results will enable UT System to improve coordination of activities and leverage resources more effectively, and the data will be used to create online tools for faculty and students looking for opportunities to collaborate with foreign partners or for specific training abroad.



I am strongly encouraging those of you presently in global health activities, as well as those interested in becoming involved in such activities, to complete the survey, which is available online at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=arvYKyvXWFyh7hvCP9d0ng_3d_3d. Surveys must be completed by **Monday, June 15, 2009**, when the survey closes. Questions related to this effort should be directed to Steve DePaul, Director of Global Initiatives, at (512) 499-4798 or sdepaul@utsystem.edu.

Dr. Smith and her team will be creating a website where results will be posted once the survey is complete. This will be a searchable tool open to faculty as well as trainees in all of the UT System Health Campuses.

Thank you for your attention to this important survey.

Sincerely,

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