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The Science Coalition and the Association of American Universities are pleased to host the

2018 University Senior Research Officer Roundtable: The Economic Impact of Fundamental Scientific Research

The event will be an on-the-record roundtable discussion focusing on the economic impacts of fundamental scientific research, featuring senior research officers from top U.S. universities and moderated by Jeffrey Mervis from *Science Magazine*. Speakers include:



Mark Barteau, Ph.D.

Vice President for Research, Texas A&M University

A member of the National Academy of Engineering, Dr. Barteau is a professor of both engineering and chemistry focusing on chemical reactions at solid surfaces and their applications.

[Full bio here.](#)



Gerald "Jerry" Blazey, Ph.D.

Vice President for Research and Innovation Partnerships, Northern Illinois University

Awarded NIU's Presidential Research Professorship, Dr. Blazey previously served as policy advisor for the physical sciences at the Office of Science and Technology Policy for the Obama Administration.

[Full bio here.](#)



David Conover, Ph.D.

Vice President for Research and Innovation,
University of Oregon

Author of over 135 publications, Dr. Conover is an AAAS Fellow and long-time recipient of funding from NSF, NOAA, and other organizations who previously served as director of the Division of Ocean Sciences at the NSF.

[Full bio here.](#)



Terri Fiez, Ph.D., M.S.

Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation,
University of Colorado Boulder

A former NSF Young Investigator awardee with over 150 publications, Dr. Fiez co-founded and launched her own startup company and has since helped support other early stage startups.

[Full bio here.](#)



Chris Keane, Ph.D.

Vice President for Research, Washington State University

An astrophysicist by training, Dr. Keane co-chairs WSU's Economic Development Council, which works to drive innovative and entrepreneurial activities that benefit Washington state and beyond.

[Full bio here.](#)



Chris Molloy, Ph.D., R.Ph.

Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development,
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

Now a Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Dr. Molloy uses his experiences at Johnson & Johnson and Bristol-Myers Squibb to promote economic development and attract jobs to New Jersey.

[Full bio here.](#)



Jill Pipher, Ph.D.

Vice President for Research,
Brown University

Founding Director of the Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics (ICERM), a NSF mathematics institute, Dr. Pipher is an accomplished speaker and author in mathematics.

[Full bio here.](#)



Padma Raghavan, Ph.D., M.S.

Vice Provost for Research,
Vanderbilt University

Dr. Raghavan is a Professor of Computer Science and Computer Engineering. In her role as Vice Provost for Research, she oversees the university's extensive research portfolio and implementation of the university's trans-institutional strategies, and works with Vanderbilt's faculty and leadership to advance research and scholarship university-wide.

[Full bio here.](#)



Neil Sharkey, Ph.D.

Vice President for Research,
The Pennsylvania State University

In addition to being an expert in orthopedic medicine, Dr. Sharkey oversees Invent Penn State, a Commonwealth-wide initiative to spur economic development, job creation, and student career success.

[Full bio here.](#)



Rodolfo Torres, Ph.D.

Interim Vice Chancellor for Research,
The University of Kansas

A Fellow of the American Mathematical Society's inaugural class, Dr. Torres leads efforts to support research and promote its economic impact in the state of Kansas.

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When: Wednesday, July 18, 1:00-2:30pm ET
Where: Reserve Officers Association, The Ballroom
1 Constitution Avenue Northeast
Washington, D.C. 20002

Please RSVP to press@sciencecoalition.org by Monday, July 16.

