Alabama A&M University

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (AAMU) is a Historically Black, research intensive, land grant institution, located in Huntsville, Alabama, home of NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center and the Army’s Redstone Arsenal. AAMU’s academic programs have been recognized by U.S. News and World Report, Diverse Issues in Higher Education and the Washington Monthly. The University offers 41 BS degree programs, 23 MS degree programs, one education specialist degree and four doctoral degree programs, three of which are in the sciences. More than 6,100 students from various ethnic backgrounds are enrolled.

Leadership Team: Dr. Jeanette Jones, PI, Distinguished Professor of Biology and Faculty Trustee, AAMU Board of Trustees; Dr. Tonya Perry, Co-PI, Professor and Chair, Dept. of Social Work; Dr. Padmaja Guggilla, Co-PI, Professor of Physics; Dr. Malinda Gilmore, Co-PI, Special Assistant to the President and Associate Professor of Chemistry and Dr. Martha Verghese, Co-PI, Chair, Dept. of Food Science.

Partnership Activities

- Establish an ADVANCE Office,
- Sponsor department chair and search committee training,
- Conduct seminars on unconscientious bias, career development and spouse/partner relocation,
- Host annual statewide ADVANCE Conference,
- Collaborate with the Auburn University INCLUDES project.
- Submit an annual evaluation.

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