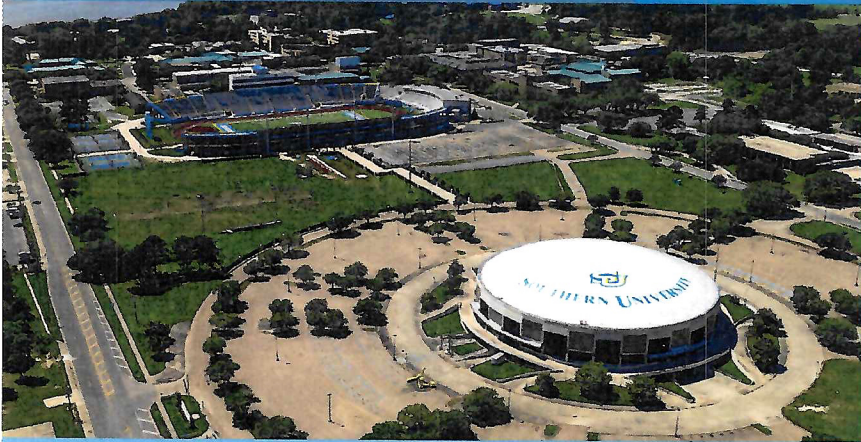




Chancellor's Report



To the Southern University Board of Supervisors

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John B. Cade Library Awarded Prestigious IMLS Grant for Collaborative Project

John B. Cade Library has been honored with a prestigious grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The grant, awarded under the FY2024 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, underscores the library's commitment to advancing library science education and professional development.

"As pillars of our communities, libraries and museums bring people together by providing important programs, services, and collections. These institutions are trusted spaces where people can learn, explore and grow," said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. "IMLS is proud to support their initiatives through our grants as they educate and enhance their communities."

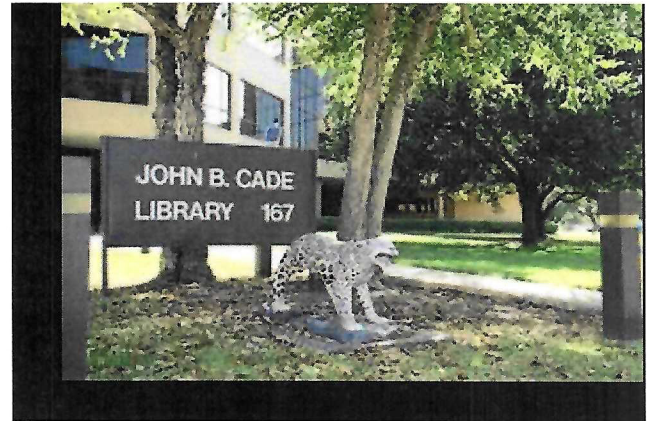
The awarded project, HBCU Louisiana Libraries Collaborative (HBCU-LLC) received \$149,603 in funding to develop faculty and information leaders and recruit and retain the next generation of library and archives professionals to develop a diverse library and archival workforce. Although Southern University-Baton Rouge is the lead institution, with Cade Library Dean Dawn Kight serving as the

primary investigator (PI), and Librarians Maya Banks and Quiana Wright serving as Co-PIs, this project is a collaborative effort involving the Deans and Directors of Libraries from Louisiana's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), including Dillard University, Grambling State University, Southern University-New Orleans, Southern University-Shreveport, and Xavier University.

The project features two tracks:

1. Track A: This track focuses on recruiting and exposing HBCU undergraduate students to library science graduate school education. By doing so, the library aims to nurture the next generation of library science professionals, particularly from underrepresented backgrounds.
2. Track B: This track provides online forums for current library support staff. The goal is to retain and develop talent within the library profession, ensuring that libraries remain robust centers of knowledge and learning.

The project will culminate in a comprehensive institute that includes a recruitment fair. This fair will cater to a broad audience, including HBCU undergraduate students and current library and information science staff at HBCU libraries. Furthermore, the collaborative will develop a document outlining best practices, challenges, and innovative approaches encountered throughout the project, offering a roadmap for replication at other institutions.





“By focusing on both recruitment and professional development, we aim to build a stronger, more diverse library workforce,” says Kight. “This initiative will not only benefit our institutions but will also serve as a model for other HBCUs and libraries nationwide.”

The grant period will run from August 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026. During this time, John B. Cade Library and its partners will work diligently to implement the project's objectives and achieve the project goals.

“We are committed to ensuring the success of this initiative,” says Co-PI Maya Banks. “And we are excited about the opportunities it will provide for students and library staff.”

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s libraries and museums. IMLS advances, supports, and empowers America’s museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development.

“Cade Library looks forward to sharing updates on implementing this exciting project and additional information will be forthcoming on further developments and opportunities to get involved,” says Co-PI Quiana Wright.

For more information about the HBCU Louisiana Libraries Collaborative or the grant award, please contact Dawn Kight at 225-771-4990 or by email at dawn.kight@sus.edu or Maya Banks at 225-771-2841 or by email at maya_banks@subr.edu.



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College of Sciences & Engineering ~ Electrical Engineering



Good News! \$400K National Science Foundation HBCU-UP Targeted Infusion proposal is granted.

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The National Science Foundation has awarded a Standard Grant for support of the project "Targeted Infusion Project: Enhancing a Successful STEM Educational Model in the Electrical Engineering Program at Southern University and A&M College". Principal Investigator, Dr. Yasser Ismail, along with Co-Principal Investigators, Dr. Radian Belu and Dr. Fred Lacy, was awarded \$399,998 to conduct research.

Electrical Engineering ~ 24-25 Capstone Mentorship Program

Congratulations! Southern University and A&M College has been recognized as a Capstone Mentorship Partner for the 2024-2025 academic year. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is overjoyed to be working with our students this fall.

As a partner, Southern University was required to attend one of two information sessions that provided next steps, roles, and responsibilities. The virtual sessions allowed members to meet the STEAM Program Manager and address any inquiries. Sessions were held July 26 and July 30.

College of Sciences & Engineering ~ Computer Science

Sudhir K. Trivedi, PhD, Professor of Computer Science has been awarded \$1.2 million by the National Science Foundation for proposal title "Collaborative Research: CISE MSI: RPEP: OAC: Macroscopic and Microscopic Inference and Analysis of Vulnerabilities within EV Charging Management Systems". Dr. Trivedi serves as Principal Investigator and Project Director. Collaborating institutions are the University of South Florida, the University of Texas at San Antonio, George Mason University, and Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge).