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Dear Faculty and Staff:

These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you informed and engaged with SMU's Academic Affairs division as, together, we work toward

*U.S. News and World Report (USNWR) and Carnegie Classification*  
Research ranking systems, as well as on *Opportunity SMU*, a new fund  
to expand scholarships, financial aid, and student support programs.  
The heightened focus on social and economic mobility metrics by both



**Road to R-1/Scholarly and Creative Excellence**

- **Moody School Doctoral Completion Grants** are intended to help SMU PhD students defend their dissertations and complete their degrees in the Fall 2022 or Spring 2023 semester. They provide funding for stipends, research materials, and other expenses as needed.

Nominations will be submitted by departments and will include a letter of support from the department chair or director of graduate studies and a timeline, signed by the student and their advisor, listing the steps remaining for the student to finish their dissertation along with an expected completion date for each step. Nominations will open soon and will be due in October. Be on the lookout for the call for nominatminaer.

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