

Jennifer Taylor Biography

Jennifer E. Taylor, Ph.D., MBA has almost 20 years of progressively responsible experience in research administration, including as co-Director of Sponsored Programs at Vanderbilt (interim), which included the central campus and Vanderbilt University Medical Center, then as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation at the University of Arkansas. Most recently she was Vice President for Research at Tennessee Tech University (TTU) before assuming the role of Director of Outreach and Economic Development, a position that includes the University leadership on a \$25 million grant for which she is a lead investigator, to enhance the health, workforce skills, economic well-being, and address disparities in outcomes in these areas, for communities across the Upper Cumberland Region of Tennessee. She is also providing leadership to a broad range of other research and economic development partnerships with other state universities, the Tennessee Valley Corridor (TVC), Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TennSmart-a statewide consortium to create smart mobility solutions and attract investment such as the new Ford Blue Oval City, as well as with other corporations and non-profit groups.

Her primary research interests focus on health promotion and disease prevention at the programmatic and policy levels, including the ways messaging, strategic planning, and implementation fidelity impact the success of such efforts, as well as on healthcare administration and delivery. Additionally, her more recent work has also had a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education, including having served on the core leadership teams that obtained internal and external ADVANCE awards at the University of Arkansas. In addition to the current major grant she is leading, Dr. Taylor has been Principal Investigator (PI), Co-PI, or investigator on approximately \$8 million in extramural funding relating to healthcare interventions, graduate education, and diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as serving as senior personnel on several million dollars more in awards.

Dr. Taylor has published and presented widely. She currently serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Research Administration. In this role she is also leading the development of a Special Issue of the Journal on the ways that research administrators can play key roles in enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion. She is Associate Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Health Promotion*, and Review Editor of *Frontiers in Environmental Health*. She has also had other leadership roles in research administration at the national level. She has served on multiple federal grant review committees at NIH and the Department of Defense, including ones that focused student Fellowship awards at the undergraduate/graduate/post/doc levels as well as for health research. She serves, or has served on federal committees, task forces, and professional organization work groups relating to higher education leadership. The focus of these groups ranges from making funding decisions, to developing policies for federal research support, to contributing to the development of new regulations in research administration and compliance. Among these roles include serving on the executive committee of the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP), on the strategic planning committee for this phase of the FDP and been part of the University-Industry Demonstration Partnership (UIDP), having helped obtained NSF funding for UIDP to host a meeting of that group at UA regarding economic development partnerships in rural areas.

Finally, she is a first-generation college student and is committed to being part of the positive impact a public university can make in the lives of all communities.