

Khan Helping Grow SCRiPS at SWOSU

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As the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Center for Research in Pharmaceutical Sciences (SCRiPS) coordinator, Dr. Faruk Khan is helping SWOSU's College of Pharmacy in Weatherford realize one of its Strategic Plan goals: to develop Centers of Excellence which align with COP mission, goals and expertise.

Khan, who serves as the SWOSU Pharmaceutical Sciences Department chair and associate professor, said the mission of SCRiPS is to promote research in the field of pharmaceuticals and provide opportunities for faculty as well as students to engage in research and create a network for exchange and sharing of ideas.

Research opportunities provide COP students a dynamic educational environment in which students can develop their intellectual and leadership skills required to become successful in the field of pharmacy. As the coordinator, Khan mentors student researchers and supervises undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral research activities.

Khan also is currently serving on SWOSU's Research and Scholarly Activity Committee (URSAC). This fall, the URSAC received the Undergraduate Research Program Spotlight Award from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The Spotlight Award is given to honor one exemplary university program for undergraduate research each year.

Part of Khan's role on the URSAC involves developing the research focus. The URSAC provides research funds and sponsors opportunities for students to represent SWOSU in research purposes, such as at the annual Research and Scholarly Activity Fair.

Serving on the URSAC provides Khan an opportunity to network and collaborate with researchers on the SWOSU Weatherford campus. Other members of the URSAC include: Dr. Jason Johnson (Chemistry), Dr. Randy Barnett (Psychology), Ed Klein (Education), Dr. Denise Landrum-Geyer (Language and Literature), Jess Parker (Radiologic Technology), Dr. Richard Tirk (Music), Dr. Muatasem Ubeidat (Biological Sciences) and Dr. Yolanda Carr (Director, Office of Sponsored Programs), ex-officio.