Regents Professor Award Recipients

Dr. Lynne A. Opperman

Professor of Biomedical Sciences and
Director of Technology Development
Texas A&M Health Science Center

Ph.D., Developmental Biology
University of the Witwatersrand,
South Africa, 1985

B.S., Honors Zoology
University of the Witwatersrand,
South Africa, 1980

B.S., Zoology
University of the Witwatersrand,
South Africa, 1979

Dr. Lynne A. Opperman is a Professor of Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Opperman's main area of research is to elucidate the mechanisms by which growth factors regulate cranial vault suture morphogenesis and patency. She has over 20 years' experience in understanding the developmental mechanisms regulating craniofacial bone development and growth, and over 10 years' experience in developing bone substitutes and bone distraction devices. Dr. Opperman co-founded a faculty-driven startup, Craniotech ACR Devices, LLC, to build and commercialize bone-related devices and scaffolds. In addition, she has been recognized for her leadership skills and has received recognition for her research achievements nationally and internationally.

Dr. William J. Rogers

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West Texas A&M University

Ph.D., Wildlife and Fisheries
Sciences
Texas A&M University, 1999

M.S., Biology
West Texas State University, 1976

B.S., Biology
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Dr. William J. Rogers is a Professor of Environmental Sciences. His primary research interests are in the areas of assessment decision support modeling, human health and ecological environmental risk modeling, toxicology, environmental remediation, waste management and handling with emphasis on oil production, industrial agriculture-related natural resource and environmental quality issues. He shares his experiences and real-world examples to motivate students to critically think, to problem solve and to question. Dr. Rogers is a research mentor and role model to his students and engages them through projects, field trips and internships to be academically and culturally competent.