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### ***Prohibition for Student Housing, Athletics, and Auxiliary Enterprises***

Article VII, Section 18 (d) of the Texas *Constitution* prohibits the use of PUF bond proceeds, and therefore the use of LERR, STARS, and similar program funds, for student housing, intercollegiate athletics, or auxiliary enterprises.

## **E. SPECIAL PROGRAM FUNDING**

Allocations of STARS funding by the Board of Regents are for the Faculty STARS program. With appropriate approvals those funds can be redirected to the Rising STARS program. U. T. System institutions receiving block STARS allocations can elect to use them as either Faculty STARS or Rising STARS without further approval being required.

### **Faculty STARS Program**

The Faculty STARS program funded by PUF bond proceeds supports the recruitment and retention of the best-qualified faculty at both academic and health institutions by providing additional resources to build and enhance research infrastructure. Because the Faculty STARS program is funded in the same manner as LERR, the same guidelines apply, and each item must have a useful life of more than one year. Faculty STARS funds are available for laboratory renovation and equipment purchases; however, faculty and other staff salaries cannot be paid from Faculty STARS funds.

There are three related program goals that form the basis of the Faculty STARS program:

- recruit senior faculty with national prominence; and
- improve the quality of new faculty and research capacity of the institutions by augmenting the start-up packages for tenure and tenure-track faculty; and
- retain high quality faculty who have had offers from another research institution or have the potential to leave because of limited access to quality equipment or laboratories.

### **Rising STARS Program**

The Rising STARS program makes up to \$300,000 available for recruitment of promising faculty members who are recruited in a tenure track position at any academic level, i.e., assistant, associate, or full professor. Rising STARS funding is limited to the same equipment and renovation expenditure restrictions as Faculty STARS.