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Brad Brown is the Chief of Staff for the Vice Chancellor for Research at The Texas A&M University System; a system of 11 universities and 8 state agencies with externally funded research expenditures of \$1.2 billion annually. In his role, he assists the Vice Chancellor in providing research leadership and services to support all 19 system members and overseas numerous offices and initiatives, including Texas A&M Innovation, National Laboratories Office, Bush Combat Development Complex, Texas A&M Semiconductor Institute, Texas A&M Space Institute, Texas A&M Fort Worth, Research Security Office, Research Compliance Office, Research Administration Office, Research Development Office, and the Chancellor's Research Initiative (CRI).

Brad previously served as Chief of Staff and Chief of Administration at Texas A&M University, assisting the President and Chief Operating Officer with management, operations, strategic planning, and policy implementation. Prior to 2022, he was the Associate Director for Operations of the George H.W. Bush Combat Development Complex on the RELLIS Campus, an organization within the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station dedicated to applied research and development of critical defense-related technology.

Brad was a career U.S. Army officer who served over 28 years in operational and staff assignments in the Army and Department of Defense. He served in a variety of tactical assignments, including deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as five years in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, working as a Director for Afghanistan policy, and later as the Military Assistant for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities. He was an Assistant Professor of American Politics from 2001- 2003 in the Department of Social Sciences at the United States Military Academy (West Point). His final Army assignment was as Professor of Military Science at Texas A&M University, retiring in Bryan, Tx in 2019.

He is a graduate of Trinity University, San Antonio with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. His other degrees include a Master of Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and a Master of Science in Resource Strategy from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University. He and his wife Susan have been married for over 30 years.