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## From a VPR perspective: How we support core facilities financially and beyond

*Defining Core Facilities: Lessons  
Learned in Sustainability*

How we developed an operational definition of what a core facility is at Texas A&M University in order to organize core facilities into effective and financially sustainable management and support structures.

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## Speaker Bio

Brendan Roark serves as the Associate Vice President for Research overseeing Core Facilities and Centers and Institutes. Dr. Roark oversees the management and review of university-based research centers and institutes approved by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. He also serves in administrative leadership in association with the Research Development Fund through the Council of Principal Investigators. Dr. Roark is a Professor in the College of Arts and Sciences where his research interests focus primarily on understanding natural and anthropogenic climate variability over the last 50,000 years emphasizing biogeochemical cycling and paleoceanographic reconstructions in marine and estuarine environments.