The oil and gas industry has data from oilfields but limited researchers to investigate it. Universities have professors and graduate students but little real data to explore. The Crisman Institute for Petroleum Research recognizes these situations and brings industry problems and Texas A&M University resources together to develop solutions.

We have partnered with companies to solve problems since 2004. We produce results through cutting-edge, industry-directed research conducted within the Harold Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering.

Companies join Crisman through annual membership dues, and virtually all of it pays graduate student salaries.

**IN OUR INSTITUTE:**

- Members provide topics of interest
- Faculty prepare research proposals based on these topics
- Members vote on top projects to fund
- Member representatives interact with faculty and students
- Members have lifetime license to use any intellectual property developed

Our current focus is building and validating predictive geologic, reservoir and hydraulic fracturing models for improving the development of shale reservoirs using data sets from shale plays in Texas. To do this, we merged efforts with the Berg-Hughes Center for Petroleum and Sedimentary Systems on a joint industry project that will benefit our members.

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