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Formal Education:

PhD	1998	Texas A&M University, Agricultural Education
MEd	1982	Texas A&M University, Agricultural Education
BS	1977	Tarleton State University, Agricultural Education

Professional Experience:

Texas A&M University	Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications	
Professor & Extension Specialist		2006 - 2016
Associate Professor & Extension Specialist		2000-2005
Associate Director – Institute of Food Science and Engineering		
Extension Specialist & Lecturer		1994 - 2000
State Coordinator – AgriFood Education Program		
County Extension Agent		1977 – 1994
County Coordinator, Ag Program Leader, 4-H and Youth Coordinator		
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service		
Howard (3yrs), Crosby (8yrs), Hockley (2yrs), and Bexar (4yrs) counties		

Scholarly Activity:

Summary:

Throughout his 38-year career, Dr. Vestal has cultivated a knowledge-base on diffusion of innovations in social systems to improve his program development and management of practical food and agricultural sciences and public policy educational delivery strategies. His passion as an agricultural leader and educator are best describe in the following professional goals.

Advance dialogue among opinion leaders (i.e. scientists, industry, educators, mass media, and elected officials) to improve public and private decision-making aptitudes regarding the biological and physical nature of agricultural sciences and the complex related social, behavioral, political, economic and legal systems.

Foster our collective success in extension, research and teaching to enhance contributions of agriculture to environmental quality and a safe and abundant supply of food, both of which are essential to human health and well being.

Research and Extension Education Funding:

1990-2016	Contracts and Grants	Vestal Share
	\$ 3M +	\$ 2M +

Selected Abstracts and Publications:

- Blessington, T., Scheuring, D.C., Nxarambu, M.N., Hale, A.L, Reddivari, L., Vestal, T.A., Maxim, J.E., and Miller, J.C. (2015). The Use of Low-Dose Electron-Beam Irradiation and Storage Conditions for Sprout Control and their Effects on Xanthophylls, Antioxidant Capacity, and Phenolics in the Potato Cultivar Atlantic. *American Journal of Potato Research*, 92(5) 609-618, October 2015, Retrieved 26Oct15 at <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007?s12230-015-9474-4>.
- Murphrey, T., Moore, L., Degenhart, S.H., Loux, S. and Vestal, T.A. (2012). Characteristics of Innovations: Lessons Learned From a Statewide Mandatory Implementation of the Animal Health Network. *Journal of Extension*, accessed 28Nov12 at <http://www.joe.org>
- Thompson, Britta M., Ribera, Kelli P., Wingenbach, Gary J. and Vestal, T.A. (2006). The relationship between Attitudes, Knowledge, and Demographic Variables of High School Teachers Regarding Food Irradiation. *Journal of Food Science Education*, JFS-2006-0334.R1 October, 10, 2006.
- Vestal, T. A., Dainello, F., Wingenbach, G., & Laminack, J. (2005). Experiential education employed to demystify food irradiation as a viable technology for food industry professionals. (abstract accepted as ASHS-101577-OFG-04 in *HortScience*, July 21, 2005 at American Society for Horticulture Science, Las Vegas, NV
- Vestal, T. A. (2002). Electron beam: 21st century food safety." In *Proceedings of American Nuclear Society Annual Meetings*, American Nuclear Society, April 16-20, 2002, Santa Fe, NM [published on-line] retrieved on May 22, 2005 at <http://agnews.tamu.edu/saas>
- Vestal, T. A., (1999). Biotech foods: The first harvest. A special report for news journalists. [Article featured on front cover and inside front cover] *Journal of Applied Communications* 83(2)1.
- Vestal, T. A., & Briers, G. E. (1999). Knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions of journalists for newspapers in metropolitan markets in the United States regarding food biotechnology. *HortScience* 43(3)516. July 14, 1999, Minneapolis, MN

Teaching:

No teaching appointment; Graduate Committees: Doctorate (8) Masters (18)

Professional Service/Engagement:

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| 2006-2016 | Agency Liaison, State Emergency Management Council, Governor's Division of Emergency Management, Austin, TX |
| 2006-2016 | Co-Chair, Texas Extension Emergency Management Steering Committee, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service & Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program, College Station, TX |
| 2007-2016 | Committeeman, National Extension Disaster Education Network Animal AgroSecurity Committee, USDA-CSREES, Washington, D.C. |

Honor and Awards:

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| 2012 | Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, USDA-NIFA, and Extension Committee for Organization and Policy Southern Region Excellence in Extension Award, Denver, CO |
| 2012 | Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Superior Service Team Award, College Station, TX |
| 2009 | Partnership Award, USDA, NIFA, Washington, D.C. |
| 2009 | Blue Ribbon Award; Comprehensive Publication Category, "Managing Contaminated Animal and Plant Materials" American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Reno, NV |