

animal. So we're probably about 1/3 of the way into this project."

Piedrahita said the Technology Licensing Office (TLO) of The Texas A&M University System has been helpful to the xenotransplantation research.

"This research has a very strong commercialization potential, but we're scientists, not lawyers," Piedrahita said. "The Technology Licensing Office acts as a bridge between us and the companies interested in the work."

The TLO, he said, has helped his research team acquire funding vital to continuing their work.

"This is very expensive research," Piedrahita said. "And though federal and state funds help a lot, commercial funds are extremely welcome, obviously."

The research, although expensive, is important to society, Piedrahita said.

"Because of the lack of organs, society needs this type of animal," he said. "But it's difficult to make. It will take some work, but I am convinced we're going to get there."

For more information on this technology, refer to TAMUS project #1093 and contact Juan Consuegra at 409-847-8682 or e-mail juanconsuegra@tamu.edu.

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