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# Cubit Quantum Initiative in DC [1]

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Terri Fiez, CU Boulder's Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation and Jun Ye, Director of the CUbit Quantum Initiative [3], met with leadership at the White House, federal research agencies, and in Congress to discuss the university's unique strengths in quantum information sciences, as well as its support for fully funding federal quantum activities authorized in the National Quantum Initiative, which was enacted last year. During their April trip, Drs. Fiez and Jun also met with Kelvin Droegemeier, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and his policy team; leadership at the U.S. Departments of Energy and Defense; and several Colorado congressional offices, including Sen. Gardner and Reps. Neguse and Perlmutter.

CU Boulder launched its CUbit Quantum Initiative earlier this year to synergize quantum efforts on campus, at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and with industry partners. The Federal Relations team first socialized CUbit with the delegation in February as part of the National Quantum Initiative stakeholders advocacy day. Drs. Fiez and Jun's subsequent meetings emphasized the university's research strengths in quantum and rich history of collaboration with NIST, as well as new efforts to improve workforce development, convene regional and national stakeholders, and accelerate commercialization of new quantum technologies.


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