

Guy H. Bailey, Ph.D., became chancellor of the University of Missouri – Kansas City on January 1, 2006.

Bailey earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in his home state, at the University of Alabama. From there he went to the University of Tennessee and received his Ph.D. in English linguistics in 1979. As recently as 1999, Bailey continued postdoctoral work in linguistics at such institutions as CUNY, Stanford and Emory University.

For the past 29 years, Bailey has worked as a researcher, instructor and administrator, most recently as Provost at the University of Texas – San Antonio. His academic interests and strengths – science, engineering, molecular studies, biotechnology and translational research – mesh well with those of UMKC. He has secured competitive national grants and contracts for scientific investigation.



In the field of linguistics, Bailey's name is synonymous with research in speech and vocabulary, speech patterns, idioms, and the racial mix that makes up the rich amalgam of the language of the South. Jan Tillery Bailey, Bailey's wife, is a frequent partner and contributor in these efforts.

A partial list of his grants and research projects includes the following: funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts and the Texas Council for the Humanities for a radio documentary, "Honky Tonks, Hymns and the Blues;" the National Geographic Society for field interviews to study the dialects of Texas and Oklahoma; the American Council of Learned Societies for a study of the roots of Black English vernacular; and funds from the United States Air Force and Texas Instruments for computer languages and data collection and management.

Bailey, has a daughter, Jordan, and a son, Brooks.