

AUGUST 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 | 12 P.M.

Managing Compensation on Sponsored Projects

This training session is designed to assist Principal Investigators and the grants community in monitoring and managing compensation on their active grants and sponsored projects. Major topics that will be covered include:

- Initiating payroll on your new project
- Sponsor restrictions
 - Additional pay
 - Salary cap
 - NSF
 - DHHS
- Payroll confirmation at UTA
- Buyout & Faculty Research Supplemental Award

This workshop is open to any UTA faculty, staff, or students interested in managing compensation on sponsored projects.

RSVP to Preaward@uta.edu. Attendees can [participate online](#).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 | 9 A.M.

IRB Faculty Advisor Workshop

If you are a Faculty Advisor planning to provide oversight on student human subject research projects and would like to know more about the IRB process and your responsibilities as an advisor, please join us for the Faculty Advisor Workshop. Protocol preparation and submission, the protocol review process, and helpful

resources will be discussed. Please register for this virtual event using this [link](#) or by scanning the QR code found on the flyer [here](#).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | 12 P.M.

Welcome to OGCS

The Office of Grant and Contract Services (OGCS) serves the UTA community by providing preaward and postaward services for externally funded grants and contracts. Together, they serve the needs of faculty, staff, and students by providing services to assist faculty in obtaining and managing external funding. Preaward assists faculty in finding funding, submitting the proposal for funding, and establishing sponsored research agreements or other contracts in support of sponsored projects. Postaward assists faculty with managing the award in line with sponsor and institution requirements, including establishing subawards, obtaining prior approvals, managing the budget, and final closeout of the award.

This workshop is open to any UTA faculty, staff, or students interested in externally funded grants and contracts.

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UPDATES TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Research Misconduct

The [Research Misconduct Policy RA-PO-01](#) has been updated to clarify procedural details and address Detrimental Research Practices (DRPs). DRPs include conduct or behaviors that are not categorized under the definition of Research Misconduct (i.e., fabrication, falsification, and plagiarism), but are damaging to the integrity of research and the researcher. Examples include honorary authorship, self-plagiarism, misleading statistical analysis, incomplete reporting of results that misrepresent findings, “ghost” authorship, failure to retain or share data/information (such as code) underlying reported results, neglectful or exploitative supervision in research, and abusive or irresponsible publication or peer review practices.

IRB Updates

IRB has updated the [Initial IRB Application for Primary Research Studies](#) to update instructions and links for [TAPREQs](#) and to clarify the question pertaining to potential conflicts of interest. Please be sure to always use the current version of IRB forms found on the [Forms and Templates](#) page. Also, IRB has a [new guidance webpage on HIPAA in Human Subject Research](#). Lastly, IRB's [Standard Operating Procedures](#) have been updated to address:

- Adjunct faculty serving as protocol PI (page 20)
- Updated links and instructions related to compensation of subjects (page 65)

Training Modules Available in Mentis

Research Administration's online training modules have been successfully transitioned from the "Profiles" system to Mentis. Access the Mentis training platform [here](#) and click "Available Training" and "Completed Training" to view your in-progress or completed training. Please be sure to update your lab SOPs, syllabus, etc. If you have any questions, please contact regulatoryservices@uta.edu. The following modules are now available:

- Human Subjects Protection Training (Note: CITI training for GCP/clinical trials will not be impacted)
- IACUC General Training
- IACUC Field Research Training
- IACUC Surgery Training
- Conflicts of Interest in Research: Disclosure, Management, and Reporting Training
- Export Control Training
- Recombinant DNA and Transgenic Animals IBC Training
- Responsible Conduct in Research Training

Spring 2023 NSF Virtual Grants Conference Available

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has posted recordings from the Spring 2023 NSF Virtual Grants Conference held June 5-8, 2023. In case you missed part of it, the [complete agenda](#) with links to all of the recordings is now available.

Highlights include:

- Faculty Early Career Development Program
- Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences
- Directorate for Technology, Innovation, and Partnership
- Directorate for STEM Education

- Directorate for Engineering
- Directorate for Geosciences
- Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences
- Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering
- Directorate for Biological Sciences
- NSF Systems Update and SciENCv Demonstration

REGULATORY UPDATES

DoD Identifies Prohibitions and Mitigation Factors for Foreign Influence and Foreign Talent Programs

The Department of Defense (DoD) released the policy memorandum [Countering Unwanted Foreign Influence in Department-Funded Research at Institutions of Higher Education](#) on June 29, 2023. The document includes a risk matrix table on page 10 that identifies particular risk factors that will be prohibited and others which have required or suggested mitigation. After August 9, 2024, researcher associations with [Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs](#) will be considered a prohibited factor (i.e., the proposal will be rejected). The following risk factors are discouraged or require mitigation to be eligible for funding (currently in effect):

- Indicators of individual's participation in a foreign talent program
- Indicators of an individual receiving funding from a [foreign country of concern](#) or an entity in those countries
- Patent applications or patents resulting from U.S. government funding that were disclosed first in a foreign country of concern
- Indicators of an association with an entity on the BIS entity list

Mitigation measures are *suggested* if the individual's coauthors participate in a foreign talent program, the individual is a co-patent applicant or coauthor with someone on the [denied persons list](#), or coauthors are from an entity on the [BIS entity list](#). If you have concerns as to how this may affect your DoD grant or proposal, contact ogcs@uta.edu. If you need assistance [screening](#) any current or potential collaborators (individuals or entities), contact regulatoryservices@uta.edu.

NSF Requires RCR Training for All Key Personnel, Including Faculty

Section 7009 of the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act (42 USC 1862o–1), as amended, requires that each institution that applies for financial assistance from NSF describe in its grant proposal a plan to provide appropriate training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research to *undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, faculty, and other senior personnel* supported by the proposed research project.

Previously, the requirement applied only to students and postdocs. The [new requirement](#) will go into effect for new proposals submitted or due on or after July 31, 2023. See UTA's page for [NSF RCR Training Requirements](#) for guidance.

OLAW Seeks Feedback on Proposed Guidance for Streamlining IACUC Protocol Reviews

As part of the 21st Century Cures Act, the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) is committed to reviewing and revising the guidance for streamlining protocol reviews and significant changes to reduce administrative burden. OLAW's [proposed revisions](#) are now available for public comment through a Request for Information and pertain to flexibilities related to Designated Member Review, Full Committee Review, and Veterinary Verification and Consultation. The final guidance will be published along with a new webpage once comments have been considered. If you have any questions or comments to contribute, please reach out to regulatoryservices@uta.edu.

JOB OPENING

UTARI Seeks Research Scientist

UTARI has an [open job posting](#) for a full-time research scientist. This person will work in the Automation & Intelligent Systems Division on robotics, computer vision, machine learning, and control systems.

UTA RESEARCH IN THE NEWS

Plastic Roads Research

The University of Texas at Arlington repaved portions of Lot 49 recently with a mix of recycled, crushed plastics, and asphalt as part of a research project by Sahadat Hossain, UTA civil engineering professor, Austin's [KXAN NBC 4](#), Wichita Falls' [KDFX NBC 3](#), Lubbock's [KLBK CBS 13](#), and many other television stations reported. KXAS NBC 5 reported the original story.

Actors, Writers Strike

David Arditi, associate professor of sociology, wrote about the Hollywood actors strike and the role of streaming culture in an op-ed for [The Conversation](#). The column also ran in [The Independent](#).

UTA Electrical Engineering Receives \$1.8 Million Grant

Electrical Engineering Professor Weidong Zhou and Associate Professor Alice Sun earned a five-year, \$1.8 million Department of Energy grant to work with collaborators at UT Arlington, University of North Texas, and University of Arkansas Pine Bluff to develop new technologies and college courses covering everything from radiation detection to nuclear engineering. [One News Page](#), [NewsR](#), [Science X](#), [Energy Daily](#), and [Mirage News](#) all reported the news.

Quantum Physics for High School Students

Students and teachers performed levitation experiments and learned about how particles work at a quantum physics camp sponsored by UTA, the [Dallas News](#) reports.

Do you have research that should be promoted to the media? Contact [Katherine Egan Bennett](#), assistant director of research communications, to see how Media Relations can help raise awareness of your research. Some grant funders may like to see these stories as signs of the impact of your research on the community.



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