

DECEMBER 2023

UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 12 P.M.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT SUPPLEMENTAL AWARDS

Please join preaward staff to discuss supplemental award opportunities available for your funded National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation awards. Supplemental awards offer additional funding to support administrative needs, equipment, and additional personnel (including students) or to *expand* the scope of an awarded project. In this session, staff will summarize opportunities and outline the application process and assistance offered by UTA. This workshop is open to any UTA faculty, staff, or students interested in or working with research funding. Please RSVP to preaward@uta.edu.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 11:30 A.M.

UNDERSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS SEED FUND

Please join the UT System for a webinar on understanding federal small business grants. Through a competitive awards-based program, [Small Business Innovation Research \(SBIR\)](#) and [Small Business Technology Transfer \(STTR\)](#) programs enable small businesses to explore their technological potential and provide the incentive to profit from its commercialization. This webinar will explain the differences between SBIR and STTR and federal grant sources, guidance and best practices for proposal submission, and much, much more! Note: National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health proposal deadlines are early January. [RSVP today](#).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 | 12 P.M.

UTA'S DEPARTMENT OF PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT

Dolores Raivzee-Bell, newly appointed director of UTA's Center for Proposal Development, will present an overview of the department's roles and responsibilities. This new center provides assistance in grant writing, review, and editing of large-scale funding proposals. She will share additional information on target goals for the 2024 academic year. This workshop is open to any UTA faculty, staff, or students interested in learning more about the Center for Proposal Development. RSVP to preaward@uta.edu.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 | 12 P.M.

STRATEGIES FOR LARGE CENTER PROPOSALS

Consultant Lucy Deckard of Academic Research Funding Strategies will lead a webinar for faculty who have been successful in winning single-principal investigator and small team grants and now want to transition to larger team and center-level grants. The event will review how larger grants are different, what the expectations of the funding agencies are for large team and center grants, successful strategies, and common mistakes to avoid. This workshop is open to any UTA faculty, staff, or students interested in research funding. RSVP to Preaward@uta.edu.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 | 12 P.M.

STRATEGIES FOR EARLY CAREER GRANTS

Consultant Lucy Deckard of Academic Research Funding Strategies will lead a webinar on [National Science Foundation CAREER](#) and other grants specifically for junior faculty. The event will explain how to identify and apply for the appropriate grants. Emphasis will be on the NSF CAREER, but other early career grants will also be discussed. This workshop is open to any UTA faculty, staff, or students interested in research funding. RSVP to Preaward@uta.edu.

Risks Around International Travel for Researchers

If you are planning travel this holiday season, please keep in mind that international travel comes with potential risks to research information security. If you maintain any export-controlled intellectual property or other sensitive information on your UTA or personal laptops/devices, it may be best to leave those items behind to protect that information. If you plan to travel internationally during this time, please be sure to review international travel information and guidelines from both the [Office of Regulatory Services](#) and [Business Affairs](#). If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Regulatory Services at regulatoryservices@uta.edu.

Changes to IRB operating procedures

UTA's [Institutional Review Board](#) has made updates to its [standard operating procedures](#):

Pages 11, 55: Clarified the definition of adverse event.

Page 19: Clarified that only *full-time* faculty and staff can serve as the project principal investigator.

Page 56: Added Food and Drug Administration requirements for reporting adverse events.

Page 58: Added reference to new [closing a protocol](#) webpage.

Page 90: Added reference to new [ClinicalTrials.gov](#) guidance

Page 104: Changed human subjects protection training site to [Mentis](#) and updated the new name of the HIPAA module.

IACUC changes for reporting adverse events

UTA's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee ([IACUC](#)) has updated its standard operating procedures for [reporting adverse events](#) to clarify the actions to be taken for an adverse event, defined as “an unexpected incident that leads to a significant injury or illness, unrelieved pain or distress, or the death of an animal.”

New Assistance for NSF CAREER Proposers

Faculty interested in applying for the NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program in July 2024 can receive varying levels of additional assistance from external consultants to develop the strongest possible proposal. Assistance can range from editing to intensive mentoring. Faculty interested in taking advantage of the program should contact elissa.williams@uta.edu.

Dec. 6 Deadline for REP Program Applications

[Research Enhancement Program \(REP\) grants](#) are designed to be seed funding for launching new research and to serve as a foundation for future research and funding from external sources. Preference is given to faculty new to UTA after June 1, 2020, to collaborative efforts, and for faculty with a history of scholarly activity, but interested in a new area of research. The application opened Nov. 6 and closes on Dec. 6. All applications should be submitted via [Mentis](#).

Faculty Research Honor Nominations Due Jan. 12

Each academic year, [UTA gives three awards to outstanding researchers](#). The Distinguished Record of Research or Creative Activity Award recognizes a faculty member for achieving a distinguished record of research and scholarship or creative activity. The Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment Award recognizes a faculty member for achieving a particularly important research or creative accomplishment during the past three years. The Academy of Distinguished Scholars admits up to four new members annually. New members must be a past recipient of either the Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment Award or the Distinguished Record of Research or Creative Activity Award. Nominations are due Jan. 12.

Feb. 9 Deadline for LSAMP Summer Academy

Undergraduates majoring in STEM fields interested in pursuing graduate school in their field are eligible for apply for the [Louis Stokes Minority Participation \(LSAMP\) Summer Research Academy](#). The 2024 application applications are due Feb. 9.

How a female Mexican president might change lives

Mexico will [elect its first female president](#) in 2024, barring any surprises between now and the June vote. As UTA's Xavier Medina Vidal wrote in [the Conversation](#), 70 years after women won the right to vote in Mexico, is the country moving any closer to making changes that would give women real equality? Vidal's column was syndicated in many news outlets in English and Spanish, including the [Houston Chronicle](#) and the [San Francisco Gate](#).

New technique 30% better at cancer relapse prediction

UTA's Suvra Pal and Wisdom Aselisewine have [published a new model of predicting survival from cancer](#) that they say is 30% more effective than previous models in predicting who will be cured of disease. Coverage of the [news](#) was published by [News Medical](#), [Medical Xpress](#), [Express Healthcare Management](#), [Association for Computing Machinery News](#), [CBIRT News](#), [Life Technology](#), [Mirage News](#), and [Targeted News Service](#).

Do you have research news 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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