

NOVEMBER 2023

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## UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 1 P.M.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 | 10 A.M.

### UPCOMING WEBINARS ON EXPORT CONTROL TOPICS

On Oct. 25 at 1 p.m., [eShipGlobal](#) will [present instruction](#) on how to use UT Arlington's online shipping service eShipGlobal, focusing on international shipments and related export control concerns. Register by completing a [short questionnaire](#). Then on Oct. 31 at 10 a.m., UTA's Office of Regulatory Services will host a [virtual discussion on export controls in research](#). Topics will include the essentials of export controls, why compliance is imperative to UTA research, and methods for mitigating personal risk. Complete a [short questionnaire to register](#). Prior to the events, all registrants will receive a Teams meeting invite. Please [email questions to the Office of Regulatory Services](#).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | 9 A.M.

### UTA AND SHIMADZU HOST INNOVATION EXPO

Shimadzu Scientific Instruments and the Shimadzu Institute for Research Technologies, part of the Office of Research and Innovation at UTA, will host an [Innovation Expo](#) on Nov. 2. Interdisciplinary content will be organized in tracks such as health and the human condition, sustainable future, advanced materials and composites, and technology innovations. Promotional items are available for attendees with additional offerings for those willing to present overviews of their research. Please [preregister](#). Contact [Doug Carlton](#) with any additional questions.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 | 8:30 A.M.

### RESEARCH INTEGRITY SYMPOSIUM

The theme of this year's Research Integrity Symposium is "[Research and Integrity in the AI Era](#)." The Nov. 3 program will feature a keynote speech from Hassan Khosravi and three panel discussions led by UTA faculty and staff. The symposium will be held in a hybrid format. Graduate students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | 12 P.M.**

## **LOGIC MODEL TO MAXIMIZE FUNDING POTENTIAL**

Consultants Rene Paulson and Mindy Chandler of Elite Research will discuss the desire of funding agencies to invest their money in solid programs that are a result of solid design. A solid design comes from a logic model. This workshop will help you maximize your funding potential by ensuring your program or project design has a solid foundation. RSVP to [preaward@uta.edu](mailto:preaward@uta.edu).

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 1 P.M.**

## **JOIN DRA TEAMS CHANNEL**

Join our Teams channel for Departmental Research Administrators (DRAs) and get the latest information from each other and pre- and postaward in the Office of Grant and Contract Services (OGCS). We meet virtually every other month to discuss best practices and bring in UTA subject matter experts to answer your questions. This month, we will have representatives to discuss payroll, scholarships, gift cards, sole source, year-end deadlines, common exceptions, participant support, procurement, and cost sharing. Email [Elissa.Williams@uta.edu](mailto:Elissa.Williams@uta.edu) to be added to the Teams channel for DRAs.

**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 are looking to transition to larger team and center-level grants. We will discuss how these 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. RSVP to [preaward@uta.edu](mailto:preaward@uta.edu).

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 | 12 P.M.**

## **WRITING WINNING JUNIOR FACULTY PROPOSALS**

Consultant Lucy Deckard of Academic Research Funding Strategies will lead a webinar on NSF CAREER and other grants specifically for junior faculty. The seminar will cover how to identify the proper grants and how to write those proposals. 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](mailto:preaward@uta.edu).

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## Guidance on Possible Government Shutdown

The federal government has not yet passed funding bills to remain open past Nov. 17. A shutdown may affect UTA researchers working with federal awards. The Office of Grant and Contract Services has prepared [guidance](#).

## New Assistance 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](mailto:elissa.williams@uta.edu).

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## Deadline Oct. 27 for LSAMP SRA-A

Applications due Oct. 27 for the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Summer Research Academy-Abroad ([LSAMP SRA-A](#)). The [SRA-A program](#) selects up to 10 students from LSAMP partner schools for an eight- to 10-week study abroad program. Students receive a \$4,000 summer stipend, roundtrip airfare, and a housing and food allowance.

## Nov. 10 Deadline for McNair Scholars Program

Applications are now being accepted for the [2024 McNair Scholars Program](#). Active at more than 200 universities across the mainland U.S. and Puerto Rico including UTA, [the program](#) exposes undergraduate students interested pursuing a career in academia to scholarly research. Once selected, students will participate in a summer research internship and receive a stipend of \$4,000. Applications are due Nov. 10.

## Nov. 20 Deadline for UROP and UGRAP Awards

[The Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program \(UROP\)](#) at UTA offers transformative learning through research by engaging students with innovative faculty, professional communities, professional development, and their developing identities as leaders. [The Undergraduate Research Assistant Program \(UGRAP\)](#) enables learning through research by engaging students with innovative faculty, professional communities, professional development, and their developing identities as leaders. Applications are due Nov. 20.

## **Dec. 6 Deadline for REP Program Applications**

[Research Enhancement Program \(REP\) grants](#) are designed 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 opens 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 has three awards to recognize 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 opens Nov. 1 with applications due Feb. 9.

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## **Raivzee-Bell to Head Center for Proposal Development**

Dolores Raivzee-Bell ('96 BA, Psychology) has been named the inaugural director for proposal development. Bell will be expected to develop new funding streams, hold proposal development workshops, and expand collaborative partnerships to assist in grant proposal development and writing resources. Bell began her role on Oct. 17.

## **Caballero Named Executive Assistant to VPRI Office**

Carolyn Caballero has been named executive assistant in the vice president of research and innovation office. Caballero began this role Oct. 23.

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## Understanding the Supreme Court Supermajority

On Oct. 2, the U.S. Supreme Court began meeting after the summer recess, with the biggest case of the term focused on the limits of individual gun rights, Morgan Marietta, professor of political science wrote in [The Conversation](#). His article was syndicated by [Yahoo! News](#), [UPI](#), Charlotte's [WFAE 90.7](#), the [Milwaukee Independent](#), the [New Hampshire Bulletin](#), Boulder [Daily Camera](#), and the [Philippine Canadian Inquirer](#).

## Wildlife Loss Five Times Slower in Protected Areas

Protecting large areas of land from human activity can help stem the tide of biodiversity loss, especially for vertebrates like amphibians, reptiles, mammals, and birds, according to a new study by Luke Frishkoff and colleagues in [Nature](#). The story was picked up by [Anthropocene](#) Magazine, [Lab Manager](#), [Earth.com](#), [ScienceNewsNet](#), [Mirage News](#), [Bioengineer.org](#), and [Phys.org](#).

## Isotope Water Database Helps Mexican Communities

A team led by Ricardo Sánchez-Murillo, associate professor of earth and environmental sciences, has created a new isotope database that includes 608 monthly rain samples (spanning 2018-22) from 21 monitoring stations across the Mexico, report [Phys.org](#), [Bioengineer.org](#), [Tech Codex](#), [ScienMag: Science Magazine](#), [SwiftTelecast](#), [Mirage News](#), and [My Droll](#). The results of his work are published open access in the journal [PLOS Water](#).

*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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