

# UTA RESEARCH NEWS

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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, we serve the needs of our faculty, staff, and students by providing services to assist in obtaining and subsequently managing external funding. Preaward assists with finding funding, reviewing proposal documents, obtaining necessary approvals and submitting the proposal to external sponsors, accepting awards, and establishing sponsored research agreements or other contracts in support of sponsored projects. Postaward assists with the management of the award, in line with sponsor and institutional requirements, including establishing and overseeing subawards, obtaining prior approvals, managing the budget, and completing the final closeout of the award. This workshop is open to any UTA faculty, staff, or students interested in external funding. RSVP to [Preaward@uta.edu](mailto:Preaward@uta.edu). You can also [join online](#).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 1 P.M.

## BI-MONTHLY DRA MEETING AND TEAMS CHANNEL

Join our Teams channel for Departmental Research Administrators (DRAs) and get the latest information from each other and Preaward and Postaward in OGCS. We meet virtually every other month to discuss best practices and bring in UTA subject matter experts to answer your questions. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m. Email [Elissa.Williams@uta.edu](mailto:Elissa.Williams@uta.edu) to be added to the Teams channel for DRAs.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 12 P.M.

## PI RESPONSIBILITIES

OGCS is hosting a workshop on the responsibilities of principal investigators (PIs). This workshop is open to any UTA faculty, staff or students interested in PI responsibilities for conducting research. RSVP to [Preaward@uta.edu](mailto:Preaward@uta.edu). You can also [participate online](#).

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## Core Facilities Task Force

This fall, the vice president for research and innovation (VPRI) has initiated a comprehensive evaluation of our UTA research core facilities. To date, we have established a task force chaired by Professor Weidong Zhou and supported by Diana Huffaker and Jeff Campbell from the VPRI office. The task force will survey and then analyze the existing core facility program using metrics such as scope, impact, and cost with the goal of advancing our research portfolio. The outcome of their assessment will be a report that includes a list of recommendations for the future of the core facility program in a report to the VPRI by Jan. 16, 2024. As the task force matures, it will seek input from the UTA research community to ensure collaborative input to this process.

## Deadlines for Undergraduate Research Awards

Reminder from the Office of Undergraduate Research that the deadline is Sept. 4 to apply for the inSTEM award from the National Science and Technology Metals Foundation. Also, recruitment will begin in mid-October for the McNair Scholars Program and in November for the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP). For more information, contact Kayunta Johnson-Winters at [kayunta@uta.edu](mailto:kayunta@uta.edu).

## New NSF SciENCv Requirements for Biosketches

NSF requires the use of SciENCv for preparation of the biographical sketch and current and pending for all proposals as of Oct. 23, 2023. NSF fillable PDF formats will no longer be accepted. Learn how to prepare your biosketch and current and pending using [SciENCv](#). Contact [preaward@uta.edu](mailto:preaward@uta.edu) for assistance.

## Where to Find Funding Support Information Online

Explore OGCS' website for funding ideas. We have pages dedicated to [MSI Opportunities](#), the [Chips and Science Act of 2022](#), [Institutional Level Grants](#), and more. Start on our [Find Funding page](#) to find your next opportunity.

## IRB Review Submission Guidelines and Timelines

Researchers should plan ahead to allow for their IRB protocols to be reviewed and approved. Master's and undergraduate students should submit their protocol at least one semester in advance of their final research deadline; doctoral students should submit nine months in advance. All protocols are reviewed in the order they are received. To see protocols currently in the queue, visit the Regulatory Services IRB [website](#).

Incomplete or inconsistent protocols will be returned for edits, which will lengthen review time. To learn more about the review process, see section VII of the [SOPs](#). For the small group of researchers whose (greater than minimal risk), protocols will be reviewed at the full board monthly IRB meeting. A meeting and deadline schedule can be found [here](#).

## Export Control and International Travel Information

Foreign travel for UTA personnel can be an exciting and enriching experience, offering opportunities for academic collaboration, research, attending conferences, and exploring new cultures. However, it also comes with certain concerns that need to be addressed to ensure a safe and successful trip. If you plan to travel internationally, please review the Office of Regulatory Services' [International Travel webpage](#) for recommended precautions regarding export controls and protecting your research data abroad.

## Training in Mentis

As a reminder, all online training modules under the Office of Regulatory Services have been moved from Profiles to Mentis. *Please update your lab SOPs, syllabus, etc., where necessary.* Access the Mentis training platform [here](#) and click “Available Training” and “Completed Training” to view your in-progress or completed training. If you have any questions, please contact [regulatoryservices@uta.edu](mailto:regulatoryservices@uta.edu). The following modules are available:

- Human Subjects Protection Training
- 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
- IRB Faculty Advisor Workshop on YouTube
- The [IRB Faculty Advisor Workshop](#) presented on August 17, 2023, was recorded and is now posted on the UTA Research Administration [YouTube page](#). Also posted are previous IRB Mini-Conferences and a presentation on using eShipGlobal for international shipments.

## Corson Named Executive Director of CETD

Paul J. Corson has been named the next executive director for UTA's Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology Development (CETD), formerly the Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Innovation. In his new role starting Sept. 9, Corson will be expected to develop relationships with investors and form industry partnerships to help students and faculty further develop and commercialize research findings.

## Pazo Named Finance and Budget Officer for VPRI Office

Antonio Pazo ('19 MBA, '16 BS, Business Administration, ) has been named division business administrator in the vice president of research and innovation office. Pazo began this role Aug. 7.

## Junior Faculty Make Federal Funding Connections

Six junior faculty members were part of a UTA delegation that traveled to Washington, D.C., this month with the goal of making connections within federal agencies and learn about their funding priorities. Based on these meetings, UTA researchers will now be able to better tailor their grant applications and hopefully be more successful at winning awards from federal funders. UTA is pilot testing this strategy for junior faculty development within the College of Engineering with plans to expand to other colleges as the program matures.

## UTA Developing Drone Platform for First Responders

Electrical engineering Professor Yan Wan has received a grant from NSF to develop an open-networked airborne computing platform to help first responders find victims and guide rescuers, reported [Dallas Innovates](#), [Mirage News](#), [Lab Roots](#), and [Tech Times](#).

## AI That Helps Your Golf Swing

Nicholas Gans from UTARI is developing a golf swing training system with two UTA alumni that combines artificial intelligence with portability, according to [Tech Times](#), [Compsmag](#), [Knowledia](#), and [Scienmag](#).

## Sustainable Manufacturing

Emma Yang, UT Arlington assistant professor in the Industrial, Manufacturing, and Systems Engineering Department, received a U.S. Department of Defense grant to purchase state-of-the-art hybrid additive-subtractive manufacturing equipment, [Yahoo! News](#), [Dallas Innovates](#), and [Trend Radars](#) reported.

## Defending Against Online Romance Scams

Online romance scams exploit people through calculated online social engineering and deliberately deceptive communication tactics, writes UTA criminology and criminal justice Assistant Professor Fangzhou Wang in a recent article in the [Bangalore Mirror](#), [Cedar City \(Utah\) News](#), and the [Bozeman Daily Chronicle](#). Her column initially appeared in [The Conversation](#).

*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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