

AUGUST 2024

UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

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FRIDAY, AUG. 9 | 12 P.M.

OGCS PRESENTS: MENTIS OVERVIEW

Join the Office of Grant and Contract Services (OGCS) from 12 to 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, [online](#) or in person at Nedderman Hall Room 604 for a guided tour of Mentis, UTA's grant management platform. The Preaward team will kick it off with a discussion of how to complete a proposal review and a certification form called a "Blue Sheet," with extra emphasis and information on completing the indefinite delivery contract distribution form, as well as the multiple credit tab. Common reports that are available to the campus community will also be discussed. The Postaward team will finish the talk with details on a soon-to-be-released dashboard that will contain information about awards, effort, and budget, as well as information on useful Postaward reports available in Mentis.

This workshop is open to any UTA faculty, staff, or students interested in learning more about Mentis at UTA. Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees. Please complete the [RSVP form](#) by Wednesday, Aug. 7, for additional meeting information and to be included in the lunch order. Contact elissa.williams@uta.edu with any issues.

FRIDAY, AUG. 29 | 1 P.M.

IRB MINI CONFERENCE

If you conduct human subject research or would like to know more about the Institutional Review Board (IRB) process, attend the [IRB Mini Conference](#) virtually on Thursday, Aug. 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. Topics will include human-subject research, informed consent and recruitment, preparing an IRB submission, IRB review, and protecting human subjects' electronic data. Faculty, staff, and students are welcome. [Register now](#).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 | 12 P.M.

WELCOME TO OCGS

Join the Office of Grant and Contract Services from 12 -2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13, [online](#) or in person at Trinity Hall Room 104 E/W for an overview of OGCS, which serves the UTA community by providing Preaward and Postaward services for externally funded grants and contracts. Together, OCGS helps faculty, staff, and students obtain and manage external funding. Preaward assists with finding opportunities and submitting the proposal for funding. Postaward helps with the management of the award, in line with sponsor and institution requirements, including establishing and overseeing subawards, obtaining prior approvals, managing the budget, and final closeout of the award.

This workshop is open to UTA faculty, staff, or students interested in the sponsored grants and contracts process at UTA. Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees. Please complete the [RSVP form](#) by Wednesday, Sept. 11, for additional meeting information and to be included in the lunch order. Contact elissa.williams@uta.edu for more information.

Applications Due Aug. 9 for inSTEM program

Undergraduate students in science, technology, or math fields have until Aug. 9 to apply for the [inSTEM program](#), a unique initiative that blends mentorship, hands-on projects, and exposure to research and industry best practices. [To apply](#), applicants must be a full-time student in STEM with a GPA of 2.8 or above. A stipend is provided. Please share this opportunity with students in STEM interested in a paid research opportunity.

ClinicalTrials.gov Enforcement

The National Institutes of Health has recently issued noncompliance letters for protocols that missed registration, submission, and posting deadlines on [ClinicalTrials.gov](#). If you have not received a notice from the Office of Regulatory Services already, review our [guidance table](#) to understand the specific requirements based on IRB protocol type. If you have questions or need assistance with your record, contact regulatoryservices@uta.edu.

New Staff Member in the Office of Regulatory Services

UTA welcomes Vanessa Magallon as its new export control specialist. Magallon has extensive export control experience and comes to UTA from Elbit, a company specializing in defense and homeland security. She will

serve as the point of contact for international shipments, controlled research activities, and foreign collaborations. She can be reached at vanessa.magallon@uta.edu or 817-272-5076.

New UTA Research Security Officer

Garrett Werner has joined UTA as the new research security officer and manager of the Research Security Office. In this role, Werner will be implementing new required federal security guidelines for academic institutions. Werner looks forward to partnering with and supporting faculty by ensuring the protection, integrity, and confidentiality of sensitive research data from malicious actors. For any questions or concerns, he can be contacted at garrett.werner@uta.edu or 817-272-5879.

Send in Your Research Photos

Let UTA showcase your research in the field! [Email](#) photos of your work that you would like to see included in University marketing materials and on the website. Your submissions will help tell the story of the depth and breadth of research conducted by our students and faculty. Contact [Katherine Egan Bennett](#) for more information.

Sign Up for Research Listserv

Make sure you're receiving updates on research-related activities, including limited funding opportunities, by signing up for the [Research Listserv](#). You must be logged in to the UTA VPN using a University device to subscribe.

Impacts of climate change on food production

A [new peer-reviewed study](#) from Behnaz Balmaki and Masoud Rostami shows that climate change has led to decreased pollen production from plants and less pollen diversity than previously thought, which could have a significant impact on food production. Many news outlets reported on the [story](#), including [Yahoo](#), [Philanthropy News Digest](#), [Food Ingredients First](#), and [The Cool Down](#).

Fish evolve egg-laying habits in response to predators

Some species of fish can evolve their egg-laying habits in response to predators in the area to survive, according to [new research](#) from Matthew Walsh and Christopher Roden. The [story](#) was covered many news outlets, including [Eurasia Review](#), [Earth.com](#), [Technology Networks](#), and [Fish Focus](#).

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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