

JANUARY 2024

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## UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 | 1 P.M.

### JOIN DRA TEAMS CHANNEL FOR BEST PRACTICES

Join our Teams channel for Departmental Research Administrators (DRAs) and get the latest information from each other and from pre- and postaward staff in the Office of Grant and Contract Services. We meet virtually every other month to discuss best practices and bring in UTA subject matter experts to answer your questions. Email [Elissa.Williams@uta.edu](mailto:Elissa.Williams@uta.edu) to be added to the Teams channel for DRAs.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 | 12:00 P.M.

### PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER INTRODUCTION

Dolores Raivzee-Bell, newly appointed director of UTA's Center for Proposal Development, will present an overview of the services offered by the center, including assistance in grant writing, review, and editing of large-scale funding proposals. She will also share additional information on target goals for the 2024 academic year. This event is open to any UTA faculty, staff, or students interested in learning more about the Center for Proposal Development. RSVP to [preaward@uta.edu](mailto:preaward@uta.edu).

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 | 9 A.M.

### SPRING IRB MINI-CONFERENCE

Regulatory Services will be hosting a virtual Institutional Review Board (IRB) Mini-Conference for UTA faculty, staff, and students on Thursday, Feb. 8. If you conduct human subject research or are interested in learning about the IRB application process, please join us. A sign-up link will be sent out shortly.

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 investor 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](mailto:preaward@uta.edu).

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 | 1 P.M.

## UTARI/TMAC BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH OPEN HOUSE

Every day, new discoveries and technologies are being made through research capabilities and collaborative efforts to find solutions to real-world challenges through UTARI and TMAC. They are hosting a biomedical research open house March 8 to show their progress. Formal invitation and registration to come.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 | 12 P.M.

## STRATEGIES FOR EARLY CAREER GRANTS

Consultant Lucy Deckard of Academic Research Funding Strategies will lead a webinar April 9 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](mailto:preaward@uta.edu).

MONDAY, APRIL 22 | 8 A.M.

## UTA RESEARCH AND INNOVATION EXPO

Re-energize your academic journey at the [2024 UTA Research and Innovation Expo](#) on April 22. The all-day event will include a line-up of speakers discussing the power of research at UTA, celebrating the exciting discoveries on campus in the past year, and demonstrating how you can best make a difference with your research. Mark your calendar as registration information will be coming soon.

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## Office of Undergraduate Research hiring STEM coach

The Office of Undergraduate Research is [hiring a coach for UTA STEM scholars in the inSTEM mentorship program](#). This is a paid position for someone already employed at UTA to mentor a cohort that is currently in its third year at UT Arlington. The application deadline is Dec. 31, 2023. Please contact [Kayunta Johnson-Winters](#) for more information.

## Risks Around International Travel for Researchers

If you are planning to 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](mailto:regulatoryservices@uta.edu).

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## 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 to apply for the [Louis Stokes Minority Participation \(LSAMP\) Summer Research Academy](#). The [2024 applications](#) are due Feb. 9. Selected scholars receive a \$4,000 stipend to preview the graduate program of their choice within the UT System.

## Feb. 16 Deadline for SURPINT

Undergraduate students have until Feb. 16 to apply for the [Summer Undergraduate Research Program in Integrative Physiology \(SURPINT\)](#). SURPINT is a 10-week intensive program designed for ambitious students who are seeking research and professional development opportunities. Participating students will receive a competitive stipend, research experiences, and mentoring support.

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## Snake skulls show how species adapt to prey

Researchers at UT Arlington have found that the [skulls of dipsadine snakes are strongly correlated with their habitat and diet](#). The study in [BMC Ecology and Evolution](#) reveals that, in these Central and South American snakes, skull shape has evolved and adapted to meet their needs, reported [Earth.com](#), [AZO Life Sciences](#), [Tech Explorist](#), and [Swift Telecast](#).

## UTA researchers identify Alzheimer's proteins

UTA researchers have developed the first methods to identify and characterize all the various irregular forms of amyloid beta, adding another valuable piece to the search for the exact causes of Alzheimer's. Their findings are published in two peer-reviewed studies: [Nature's Scientific Reports](#) and [Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry](#). The story was covered by [Medical Xpress](#), [AlzForum](#), [Nouvelles du Monde](#), and [Mirage News](#).

*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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