

JANUARY 2025

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## UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

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FRIDAY, JAN. 10 | 12 P.M.

### AGREEMENTS AND WORKING WITH INDUSTRY

Join Dan Vincenzo with UTA's Office of Grants and Contract Services [online](#) or in person in Trinity 104 to discuss how to contract with industry and the various agreement options UTA has developed to expedite agreements. The seminar will review the steps to take before meeting with industry partners and how to fast-track industry connections that can lead to funding for your projects. **Lunch will be provided for all in-person attendees. Please complete this [RSVP form](#) by Wednesday, Jan. 8**, for additional meeting information and to be included in the lunch order. If you need accommodations, please contact [Elissa Williams](#).

TUESDAY, JAN. 14 | 1 P.M.

### JANUARY DRA MEETING

At the January Departmental Research Administrator (DRA) Meeting, Rondine Perry in UTA's Grant Accounting will discuss financial grant closeout in UTShare after the award has expired. Contact [Elissa Williams](#) to be added to the DRA meeting.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24 | 1 P.M.

### USING PIVOT-RP TO OBTAIN MORE FUNDING

Turn funding opportunities into better outcomes by attending a virtual training session on [PIVOT-RP](#), an expert curated source of global funding opportunities. Hosted by UTA's [Center for Proposal Development](#), the workshop will help researchers set up a profile and learn how to best find appropriate opportunities. Here's the [link to the Teams meeting](#) for Jan. 25. Please contact [Dorothy Sullivan](#) if you have any questions.

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## NOTIFICATIONS AND REMINDERS

### Faculty Honor Nominations Due Jan. 12

Through Jan. 12, 2025, each college is accepting applications for [Faculty Research Honors](#), which recognize faculty members who have made significant contributions to their fields. 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 over an extended period. 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.

### OGCS Hours and Proposal Submission

Office of Grants and Contract Services’ (OGCS) hours of operation remain Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Faculty are reminded that proposals should be submitted to OGCS Preaward for review three business days prior to submission to guarantee a successful submission. OGCS will accept, review, and submit proposals within three days of the deadline, but the level of review may be limited. Questions should be directed to [Sarah Panepinto](#), and notification of upcoming submissions should be directed to [preaward@uta.edu](mailto:preaward@uta.edu).

### Join DRA Teams Channel

Join the Teams channel for Departmental Research Administrators (DRAs) and get the latest information from each other and Pre- and PostAward staff in the Office of Grants and Contract Services. The group meets virtually every other month to discuss best practices and bring in UTA subject matter experts to answer your questions. Contact [Elissa Williams](#) to be added to the Teams channel for DRAs.

### Free headshots available for researchers

UTA provides free headshots to faculty and staff. Visit the Marketing, Messaging, and Engagement [website to schedule a studio portrait](#). If you schedule an appointment, please show up at your allotted time to prevent delays for your colleagues.

### Sign Up for Research Listserv

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

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# UTA RESEARCH IN THE NEWS

## Detailed bedbug gene analysis may improve pesticides

Thanks to new [UT Arlington research](#) by biologists Todd Castoe and Yannick Francioli, scientists now have a better genetic understanding of the common bedbug, providing new insight for those working to prevent bedbug infestation, develop remediation strategies, and track pesticide resistance, reported [Technology Networks](#), [Focus Technology](#), [Washington DC News](#), [Pest Control Technology](#), [MSN News](#), [Science Daily](#), and [Phys.org](#).

## UTA graduate focused research on cognitive decline

As part of her independent study product for a doctorate in social work, Katherine Kitchens studied cognitive decline in older refugees. Dr. Kitchens and her mentor, Yeonwoo Kim, recently published their findings in the [Journal of Gerontological Social Work](#), reported [MSN News](#), [McKnight's Clinical Briefs](#), [Medical Xpress](#), 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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