

DISCOVERY DIGEST

A CAMPUS RESEARCH RESOURCE

JUNE 2025

[Contents](#)

[Featured Stories](#)

[Information Items](#)

[Training & Events](#)

[Regulatory Updates](#)

[Research Achievements](#)

Featured Stories



Thinking peers drink more drives risky behavior

Growing up in a close-knit community in Ghana, postdoctoral student [Joshua Awua](#) saw firsthand how strong social bonds could also bring pressure to fit in—especially when it came to alcohol. Protective behavioral strategies can help college students make healthier choices around alcohol, highlighting it as a key finding of the [study](#), co-authored by Micki Washburn. [Science Daily](#), [Earth.com](#), [Business and America](#), [Neuroscience News](#), [Scienmag](#), [Medical Xpress](#), [Burada Biliyorum](#), and [The Globe](#) reported on the story.

[READ MORE](#)



UTARI Executive Director Candidate Presentations

Our final of four final candidates for UTARI's next Executive Director visits us on **May 29 at 8:30 a.m.** The candidate will conduct a 30-minute in-person presentation followed by a 15-minute question and answer session. The presentation, open to all faculty and staff, will showcase the candidate's vision for the position and the future of UTARI. A **Microsoft Teams** link will be provided within the [presentation registration page](#).

[RESERVE YOUR SEAT](#)



UTARI's IPPM Team Showcases Research Excellence and Leadership at ASME SSDM Conference

The Institute for Predictive Performance Methodologies (IPPM) at UTARI made a strong impact delivering cutting-edge presentations and chaired several key technical sessions, demonstrating the institute's growing influence in composite materials, aerospace structures, and machine learning/AI driven modeling.

[READ MORE](#)



ALLIANCE OF
HISPANIC SERVING
RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

Scholars from UTA Selected for HSRU Postdoctoral Fellowship Cohort

The Alliance of Hispanic Serving Research Universities, made up of 22 research-intensive institutions designated as Hispanic-serving Institutions, has welcomed its first cohort of 31 postdoctoral fellows. These fellows will participate in a year-long program aligned with the Alliance's core pillars.

[READ MORE](#)

Information Items



Tenure-Track faculty

UTA's Center for Proposal Development and Academic Research Strategies, Inc. are excited to host monthly individual meeting sessions focused on the [Faculty Early Career Development Program \(CAREER\)](#) | [NSF - National Science Foundation](#).

Submission deadline: July 23, 2025, by 5 p.m.



NIH announces plan to phase out animal testing

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced plans to “adopt a new initiative to expand innovative, human-based science while reducing animal use in research.” This plan aligns with efforts the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [announced on April 10](#) to reduce the use of animal models in research by using nonanimal research models.

[Read more](#)



Working with industry

Looking to collaborate with industry partners for your research? Visit UTA's "[Working with Industry](#)" page for essential tips on negotiating and managing industry-funded agreements. Learn how to accurately reflect research costs, document a clear scope of work, and create comprehensive budgets.



Join DRA Teams channel

Join the Teams channel for Departmental Research Administrators (DRAs) and get the latest information from each other and Pre- and Post-Award staff. The group meets virtually every other month to discuss best practices. Contact [Elissa Williams](#) to be added to the Teams channel for DRAs.



Posting of IBC meeting minutes and roster

A memorandum from Lyric Jorgenson, the NIH Associate Director for Science Policy, notified institutions subject to the NIH Guidelines that [the approved minutes](#) for all IBC meetings taking place on or after June 1, 2025, must be posted publicly on an institutional website. [Learn more](#)

Upcoming Training and Events

Wednesday, June 11, 2 p.m.

IRB Policy Change Information Session

The IRB's mission remains focused on the protection of human subjects participating in research. Register for an information session to learn about new IRB procedural changes and gain additional guidance that ensures researchers stay compliant with updated personnel requirements. [Register here](#)

Friday, June 13, 12 p.m.

Managing Your Award: Budget Oversight and PI Responsibilities

Join an informative Lunch & Learn session designed to help Principal Investigators better understand their role in PostAward Financial Management. The event will focus on key aspects of budget monitoring, including how to review balances, identify red flags, and ensure compliance throughout the life of an award. [RSVP](#) by Wednesday, June 11th.

Wednesday, June 25, 1 P.M.

CAREER Proposal Submission Logistics Webinar

This NSF webinar supports early-career faculty preparing CAREER proposals. It covers system-related requirements, timelines, and common submission errors, with a demo of Research.gov and a live Q&A. Participants can submit questions in advance. A recording will be posted on Research.gov. [Registration is required](#) to attend.

If you have an event to promote, submit it to the [UTA Events Calendar](#) and tag "Research."

Regulatory Updates

New Drone Legislation Takes Effect Dec. 22, 2025

New federal legislation impacting drone use will take effect on December 22, 2025. UTA has launched a webpage to help researchers understand and comply with these changes. Visit the site for key guidance and regulatory updates: [Learn more](#)

IRB Policy Change

Effective immediately, IRB approval will only be required for certain personnel changes, including those involving the Principal Investigator (PI), Faculty Advisor, Specially Qualified Personnel (SQP), and Non-UTA personnel. This procedural change is consistent with best practices and ensures the IRB's mission remains focused on the protection of human subjects participating in research. [Read more](#)

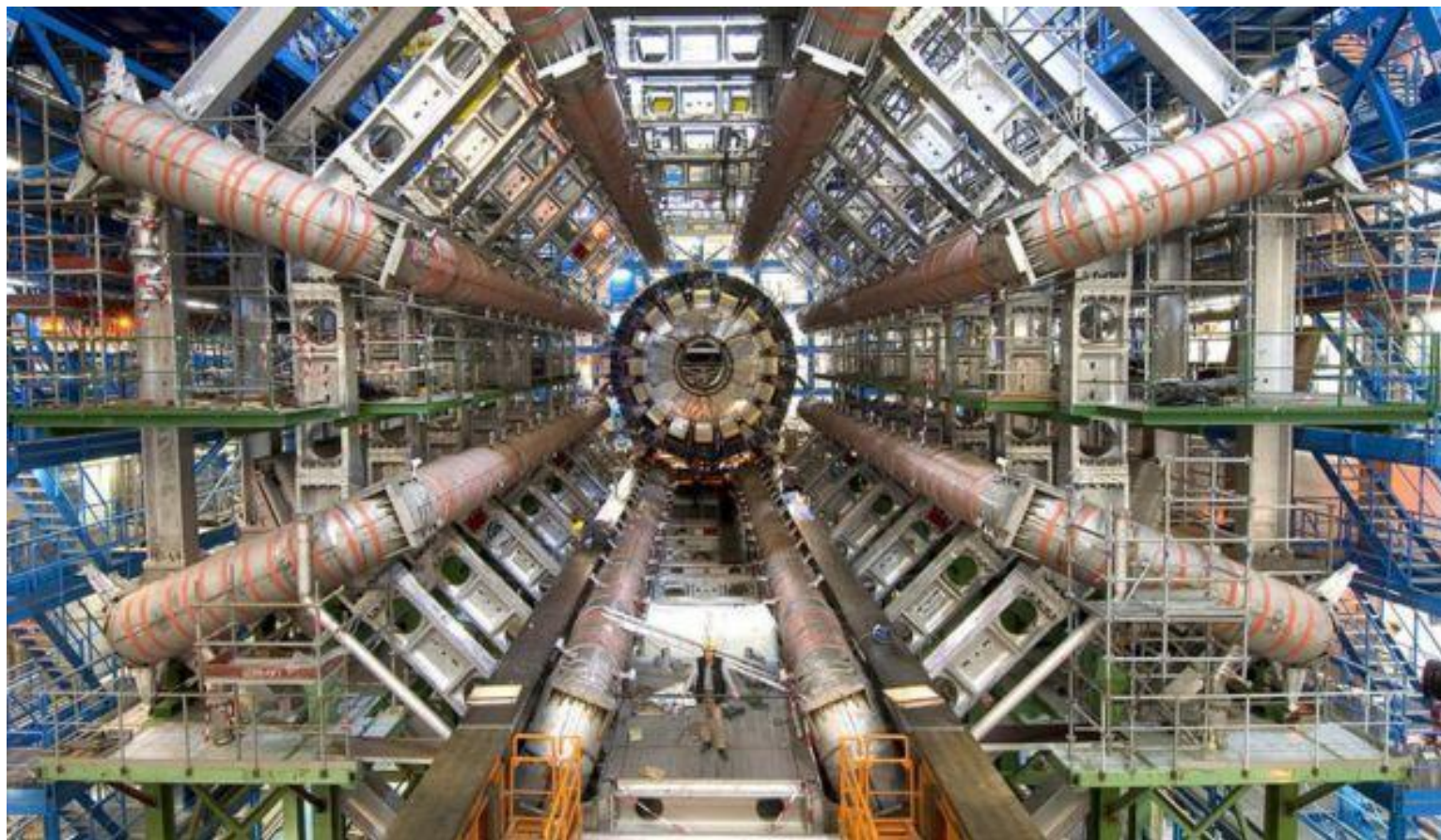
Reporting Personal Travel to a Foreign Country of Concern (FCOC)

Governor Abbott issued [GA-48, directing all state agencies and public institutions of higher education](#) to harden state systems and safeguard critical infrastructure, intellectual property, and personal information from being accessed by specific foreign nations. [Read more](#)

Accelerated Implementation of NIH Public Access Policy

The NIH is expediting the implementation of its updated Public Access Policy. Originally set to take effect on December 31, 2025, the policy will now be enforced starting July 1, 2025. This update eliminates the previous 12-month embargo period, requiring that final peer-reviewed manuscripts resulting from NIH-funded research be submitted to PubMed Central and made publicly accessible immediately upon publication. This change aims to ensure rapid access to research findings for researchers, students, and the public.

Research Achievements



UTA ATLAS team shares Breakthrough Prize in physics

[ScienMag.com](#), [Quantum Zeitgeist](#), [Patch.com](#)

UTA-based TMAC wins award for pioneering pollution tech

[ScienMag.com](#), [Our Mechanical Center](#), [Newsbreak](#)

Prestigious research award goes to 23 UTA scholars

[ScienMag.com](#)

Do you have research news that should be promoted to the media? Contact [Katherine Egan Bennett](#) to see how UTA can help [raise awareness](#) of your research.



Office of Vice President for
Research and Innovation



View this email [online](#).

The University of Texas at Arlington
701 S. Nedderman Dr. | Arlington, TX 76019 US

This email was sent to .

[Manage](#) your preferences | [Opt Out](#) using TrueRemove™

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.

View our [Privacy Policy](#).

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.