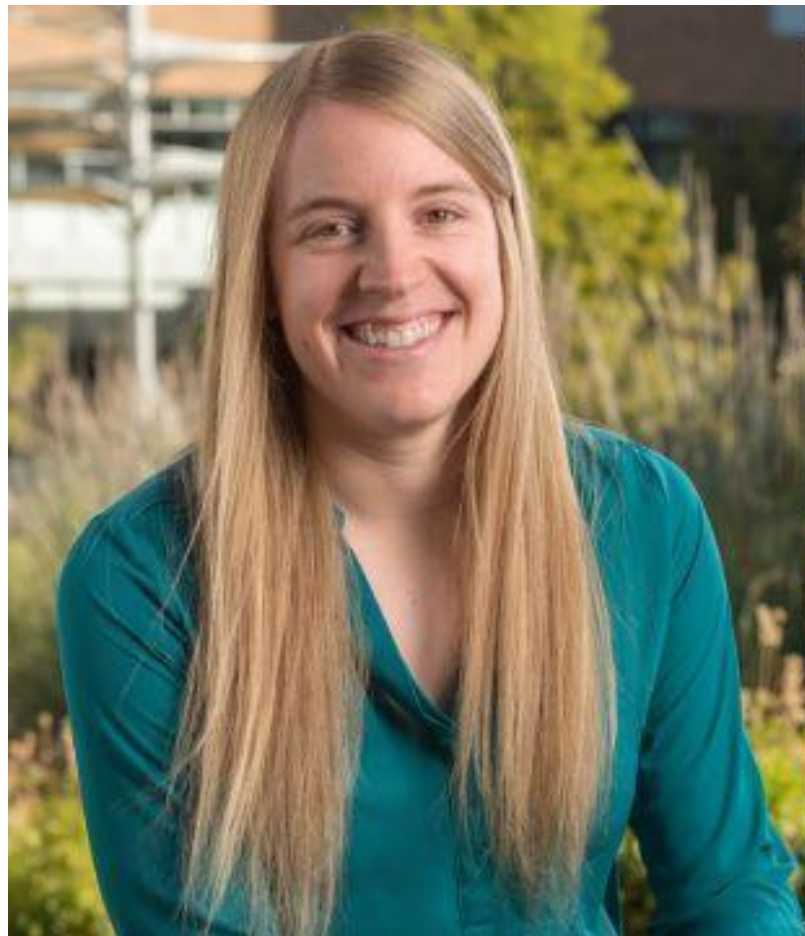


DISCOVERY DIGEST

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Top Stories**Hummel, Rogers receive CAREER awards**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded [Michelle Hummel](#), an associate professor of civil engineering, and [Alicia Rogers](#), an assistant professor of biology, with the Faculty Early Career Development Program Award (CAREER), the organization's highest honor for junior faculty. Tenure-track faculty interested applying for the [2025 NSF CAREER](#) should submit a [Request for Grant Proposal Assistance](#).



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Research assistant applications

[UTARI](#) is accepting research assistant applications for summer 2025 until Mar. 3. This is a chance for students to work alongside experienced research scientists, use new technology, and contribute to cutting-edge advancements. [Learn more and apply.](#)



Undergraduate research podcast

In the latest [Discovering the Maverick Factor](#) podcast, Kay Johnson-Winters, director of undergraduate research, explains how participating in research can help students unlock new passions, and student Kritazya Upreti shares his experience in the program.



Free UTA website for faculty

UTA's Office of Information Technology (OIT) offers free website hosting services, including UTA-branded domain, backend support, content assistance, and accessible templates. OIT also provides podcast, SharePoint, and Google Workspace support and hosting. [Learn more.](#)

WINDOWS 10 SUPPORT



ENDS SOON

LEARN HOW TO PREPARE AT [GO.UTA.EDU/WIN11](https://go.uta.edu/win11)

Upgrade to Windows 11

Devices running Windows 10 or earlier will receive pop-ups with details on how to bring their devices into compliance. Contact your support associate or [visit the OIT project website](#) to learn more.

Upcoming Training and Events

Mark Your Calendar

See more [events](#).

THURSDAY, FEB. 27, 3 P.M.

AI Cluster Hire Presentations

As part of [RISE 100](#), interviews will be held in Room 201 of the College of Architecture, Planning, and Public Affairs building for the artificial intelligence (AI) cluster, aimed at enhancing research across multiple departments, with a focus on sustainability and AI. Faculty can participate in person or via [Microsoft Teams](#). View the group's [presentation materials](#) and [feedback form](#).

FRIDAY, MAR. 7, 8 A.M.

North Texas Symposium on Generative AI

The Center for Artificial Intelligence and Big Data (CARIDA) is hosting the [North Texas Symposium on Generative AI](#). The

full-day, in-person event will bring together researchers, students, and industry professionals to explore the latest advancements and opportunities in generative AI. [Register today](#).

THURSDAY, MAR. 13, 1 P.M.

Generative AI Across the UT System

Faculty, staff, postdoctoral researchers, and graduate students across the UT System are invited to join their monthly webinar [Generative AI Across the UT System](#). The series explores how each UT campus is integrating generative AI into teaching and learning. [Register today](#).

FRIDAY, MAR. 28, 9 A.M.

Spring 2025 IRB Mini Conference

If you conduct human subject research or would like to understand the IRB process, attend the IRB Mini Conference virtually on Mar. 28. Topics will include human-subject research, informed consent and recruitment, preparing an IRB submission, IRB review, and protecting electronic data. Faculty, staff, and students are welcome. [Register now](#).

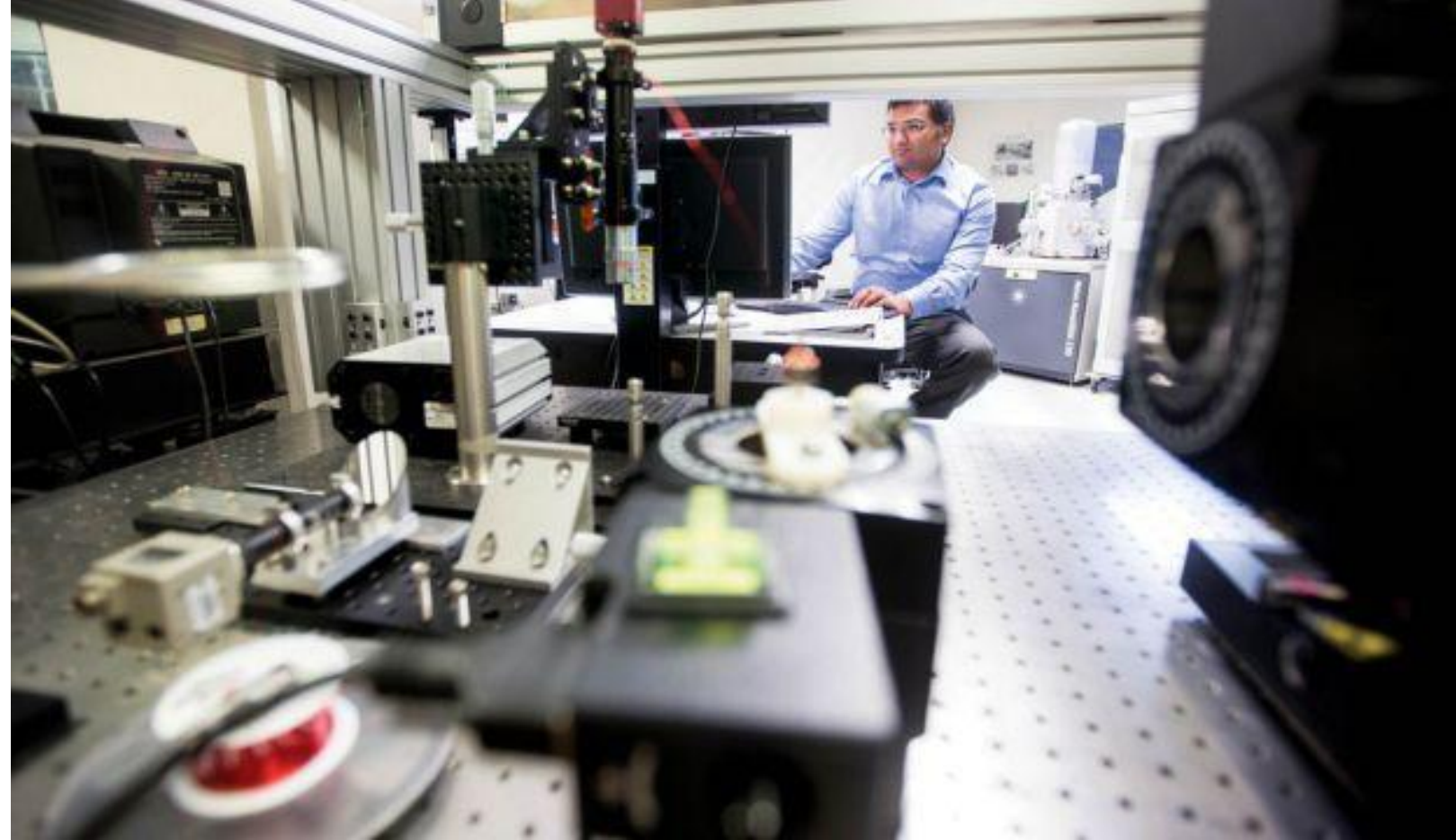
FRIDAY, MAR. 28, 12 P.M.

Growing and Diversifying Funding

Please join the [Center for Proposal Development](#) and The Conafay Group online or in person to discuss Growing and Diversifying Federally-Funded Research Programs. [RSVP required for in-person attendance](#), as lunch will be provided. For more information, contact [Dorothy Sullivan](#)

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

Regulatory Updates



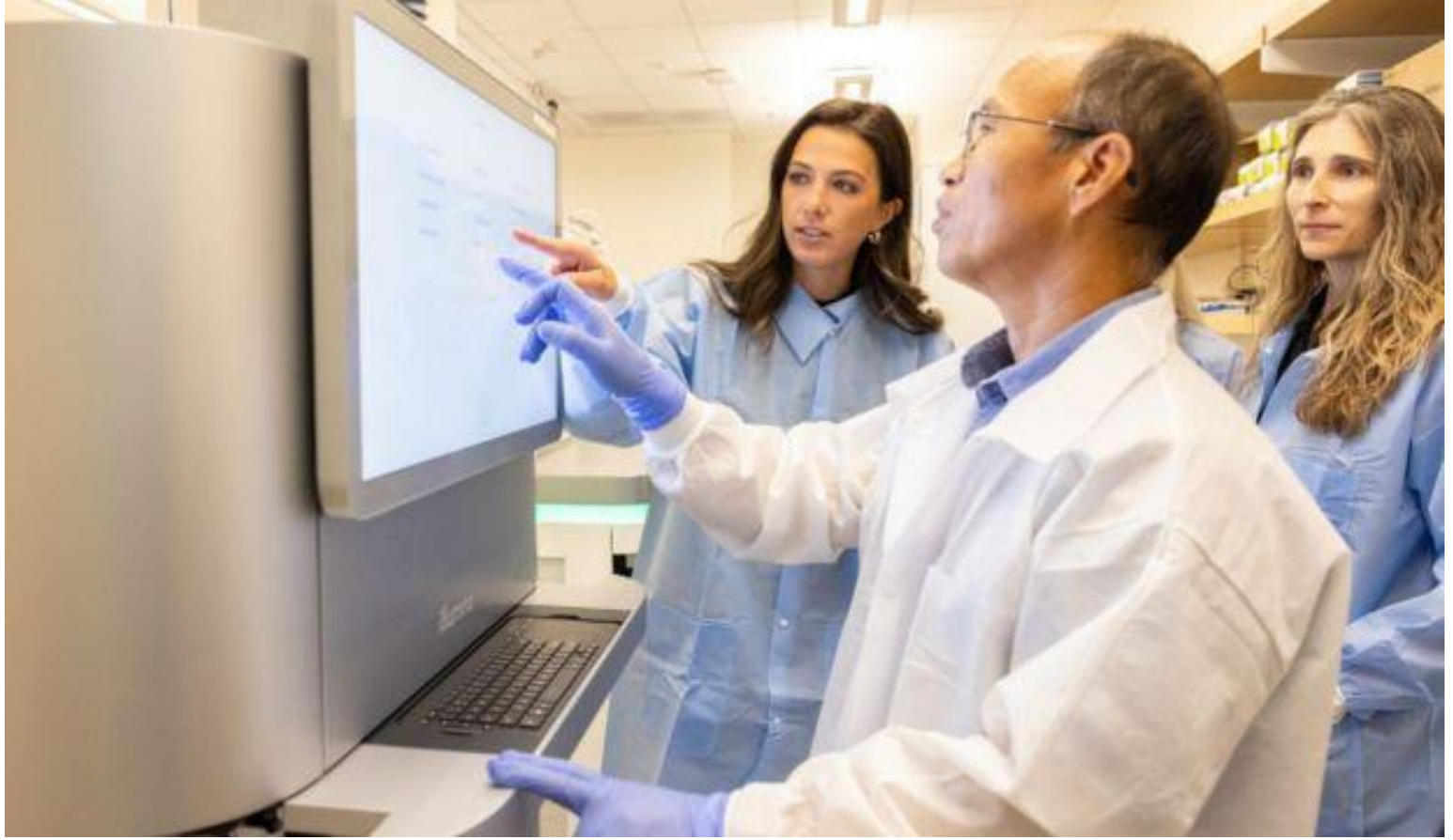
Conflicts of Interest in Research disclosure form updates

The [Research Conflict of Interest \(RCOI\) Disclosure Form](#) in Mentis was updated Feb. 1 to align with new [regulatory requirements](#) (see [Additional Guidance](#)). Key changes include investigator certifications regarding malign foreign talent recruitment programs and adherence to UTA policies and federal regulations regarding financial interests. For those with a current RCOI disclosure on file, no action is necessary. However, all sponsored research, greater than minimal risk human subject risk, and animal research activities require annual recertification, [per policy](#).



Multi-site animal research

Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare has updated its [FAQs](#) regarding collaborative animal research activities, including a requirement for a written agreement between institutions to describe responsibilities. Contact the [Office of Regulatory Services](#) to learn more.



NIH genomic data sharing

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has provided clarity on the types of research that are affected by their new [Genomic Data Sharing Policy](#). This [guidance](#) applies to projects funded by NIH that generate large-scale human or non-human genomic data.



Avoid IRB non-compliance

Any intervention, interaction, or access/use of identifiable information about a [human subject](#) requires prior IRB approval, including related materials such as informed consent, surveys, and recruitment (e.g., fliers, website). Subsequent changes cannot be made without approval via a Modification. Non-compliance may result in prohibited use of data and reporting to funding and regulatory agencies.



Submit an IRB modification

Visit [Mentis](#) and select “Modify an Existing Protocol or Submit a Continuing Review for an Existing Protocol.” On the Modification page, only proposed changes specifically listed in #3 will be reviewed, so be sure to describe each item (e.g., revised documents, procedures, inclusion/exclusion, sites, personnel). When possible, use tracked changes/highlighting to indicate new changes.



Training for NSF research

Anyone supported by National Science Foundation (NSF) grants must complete the "Responsible Conduct of Research" training within the first year of the award and every four years thereafter. The PI is responsible for ensuring that research personnel complete the training accessible in [Mentis](#).



Risk of failure to disclose

As a reminder, researchers can be penalized for failing to properly disclose any ties to foreign governments or institutions. Recently, the University of Delaware was [fined \\$715,580 to resolve allegations](#) it failed to disclose a researcher's affiliation with the government of the People's Republic of China.



Grant suspension policies

As guidance from the federal government evolves, there may be suspensions, stop-work orders, pauses in activities, or grant terminations. UTA's Vice President of Research and Innovation Office has developed a procedure for dealing with [suspensions, stop-work orders, and non-cancellable commitments](#) to guide near-term decision-making.



Executive order guidance

The Trump administration has issued several Executive Orders that may impact UTA federally funded research projects. Specific guidance impacting individual projects will be sent directly to affected principal investigators (PIs). However, the Office of Grant and Contract Services has a [website tracking all the proposed changes](#).

Researchers in the Media

Study on teen body image

[U.S. News and World Report](#), [MSN Global](#), [Health Day](#), [News Medical](#), [Science Daily](#), and more than 200 additional news outlets shared a [UTA news release](#) on research in [Psychiatry Research](#) by UTA's Philip Baiden and Catherine LaBrenz. Their study looked at how adolescents who perceive themselves as overweight are three times more likely to consider committing self-harm compared to those who do not. The duo also wrote an op-ed on the topic in [The Dallas Morning News](#).



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. Promoting your research is important as some grant funders, journals, and collaborators see news stories as signs of the impact of your research on the community.



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