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UTA unveils MAVRC, boosting drone research and innovation

About 150 industry leaders, researchers from universities across Texas and community partners [gathered](#) on Sept. 16 as UTA unveiled the Maverick Autonomous Vehicle Research Center—[MAVRC](#). Located at [UTARI](#), the 120-by-150-foot structure towers 40 feet high and is equipped with 26 motion-capture cameras, wireless internet and nighttime lighting. A connected 720-square-foot control and observation center allows researchers, students and industry partners to test advanced autonomous aerial vehicles in a controlled, FAA-compliant environment. The grand opening event was covered by [WFAA](#), [NBC 5](#), [FOX 4](#), [Telemundo](#), [Fort Worth Report](#), the [Dallas Business Journal](#), [Hispanic Business TV](#), [WBAP-AM](#), [NewsBreak](#), and [Drone Life](#).

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New Leadership at UTARI

Please join us in welcoming **Dr. Richard M. Voyles** as the new Executive Director of UTARI, effective Oct. 1. A distinguished leader in applied research, Dr. Voyles joins us from Purdue University, where he led the Collaborative Robotics Lab. He has significantly shaped national research, having co-founded the Innovation Corps (I-Corps) program. We are confident that his visionary leadership will be instrumental in advancing UTARI's mission and expanding its influence throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth region and beyond.



METROPLEX MANUFACTURING DAY 2025

A full (electric) throttle, hands-on, career-connected experience designed to get students excited about what's possible in modern manufacturing.

OCT 16, 2025

9:30 AM - 2 PM

**IMPACT CENTER
3120 E PIONEER PKWY
ARLINGTON, TX 76010**

*Details &
Registration!*



Metroplex Manufacturing Day, Oct. 16

You're invited! Manufacturing Day celebrates modern manufacturing to inspire the next generation and bridge the skills gap. Be a part of the future! This event will showcase the latest advancements in manufacturing technology and provide valuable networking opportunities for industry professionals. This year's event promises to be more dynamic and engaging than ever before!

REGISTER NOW

Information Items



Protect Your Data: Backups Are Easier Than You Think

Please remember to keep your critical data backed up and periodically tested in case you need to recover your data! [OIT](#) has several automated solutions that may be used for maintaining and backing up data. One Drive, SharePoint, or Encrypted External Drives can also be used for manually backing up data. For assistance in developing a backup plan, or if your needs have changed for the data that you “own,” please contact the [OIT Service Desk](#) who can direct you to the proper personnel.



Honoring Dr. George Kondraske's Service and Welcoming New Chair

After more than two decades of dedicated service, Dr. George Kondraske is retiring as Chair of the [Research Conflict of Interest Committee](#). His leadership has been instrumental in upholding the transparency of UTA research. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Greg Frazier will assume the role of Chair, continuing the committee's important work.



FDA posts final version of the revised Good Clinical Practice Guidelines

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has posted the final version of the [ICH E6\(R3\) Good Clinical Practice \(GCP\) guideline](#), marking a significant milestone in the modernization of global clinical trial standards. This long-anticipated update introduces enhanced clarity, flexibility, and support for innovative trial designs, digital health technologies, and risk-based approaches. Please visit the [Good Clinical Practices IRB webpage](#) for more information.



Faculty Career Awards

Applications are open for [The NRC Research Associateship Programs](#) under the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Fellowships Office. [The NRC Research Associateship Programs](#) are prestigious postdoctoral and senior research awards providing scientists and engineers with high-quality research opportunities at federal laboratories and affiliated institutions. These programs include mentorship and access to state-of-the-art facilities.

Submission deadline is November 3, 2025. Please contact UTA's Center for Proposal Development by submitting a [Request for Grant Proposal Assistance](#) to start your journey toward excellence.

[View additional awards](#)



Planning to submit a proposal or LOI?

Let [PreAward](#) know as early as possible to ensure smooth support! For limited submissions, early notice is *critical* so we can follow the proper internal review process. Help us help you—reach out as soon as possible.



Funding Guidance in case of Government Shutdown

The federal government has not yet passed funding bills for the next fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. A shutdown may affect UTA researchers working with federal awards. The Office of Grant and Contract Services has prepared guidance. [Learn more](#)

Upcoming Training and Events

Friday, Oct. 3, from 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Advancing Your Research: How UTA's Center for Proposal Development Supports Faculty

Join CPD Director Dr. Dolores Raivzee-Bell for a hybrid information session designed to boost your funding success with Pivot-RP, navigating our resource library, and upcoming workshops. Offered online or in-person, you will learn practical strategies from proposal specialists and hear directly from Dr. Scott Miller, UTA's new AVP of Research, about key institutional priorities. Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your proposals. Please contact dorothy.sullivan@uta.edu for additional information or questions. Register now to secure your spot - online or in-person at SEIR 194. [RSVP here](#)

Friday, Oct. 10, 12 p.m.

Principal Investigator Responsibilities

Invited guest speaker, Jeremy Forsberg, Associate Vice President for Research, will discuss the Principal Investigators (PI) responsibilities at UTA for conducting research. Also, he will cover faculty disclosure and reporting requirements of UTA, concerns of foreign influence and disclosures necessary to federal agencies. Please [RSVP](#) by Wednesday October 8th.

Friday, Oct. 17, from 12 – 1 p.m.

Pivot-RP Training – Software for Grant Funding Opportunities

The Center for Proposal Development along with Cindy Evans, Product Manager (Clarivate Corporation) will host a VIRTUAL refresher training for PIVOT-RP, an expert curated global source of funding opportunities with powerful workflow, intelligence & discovery tools, to aid in collaboration & increase of funding success rates. New systems have been added to PIVOT-RP to provide greater support in your search for funding. Please contact dorothy.sullivan@uta.edu for additional information or questions. [RSVP here](#)

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

Regulatory Updates

NOT-OD-25-143: NIH Will Stop Posting Notices of Funding Opportunities in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts in FY2026

Starting in fiscal year 2026, NIH will post all funding opportunities exclusively on Grants.gov, ending their publication in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts. The Guide will still feature policy and informational notices, but applicants must now use Grants.gov to find and track funding announcements.

NOT-OD-25-155: New Application Structure for NIH-Funded International Collaborations

For grants requesting NIH funding for one or more foreign components, NIH will require that competing applications submit applications to a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that supports the new PF5 [Activity Code](#) for grants, new UF5 Activity Code for cooperative agreements, or another complex mechanism activity code that supports the International Project component type.

NOT-OD-25-154: Implementation of NIH Research Security Policies

In alignment with the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-167), National Security Presidential Memorandum-33 (NSPM-33), and the July 29, 2024, Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) memorandum on [Guidelines for Research Security Programs at Covered Institutions](#), NIH is establishing a series of requirements to strengthen transparency and accountability across NIH funded projects.

Research Achievements



Protein chemist lands NIH grant to study inflammation

The power of music: Relief and memories for Alzheimer's patients in Texas

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



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