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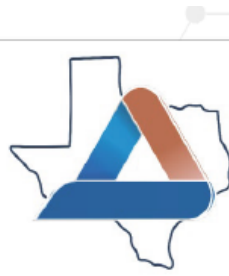

Featured Stories



Cancer center taps UTA expert for survivor health study

A researcher at The University of Texas at Arlington is helping a leading national cancer center explore how wearable devices could help childhood cancer survivors avoid long-term health complications such as diabetes and heart disease. [Yue Liao](#), assistant professor of kinesiology at UT Arlington, was invited by researchers at City of Hope, a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, to contribute to a review article published in [Cancer](#). The study was covered by [MSN.com](#), [Science Magazine](#), [Cardiovascular Business](#), [Bioengineer.org](#), [Philanthropy News Digest](#), [FirstWord Health Tech](#), and [The Munich Eye](#).

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Texas Health Informatics Alliance

Fifth Annual Texas Health Informatics Alliance Conference

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Practice of Trustworthy and Responsible AI Operations in Health Care

September 26, 2025
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Fifth Annual Texas Health Informatics Alliance Conference

The Texas Health Informatics Alliance are pleased to announce the Fifth Annual Texas Health Informatics Alliance Conference. This conference will bring together the Health Informatics community, provide an opportunity to share, collaborate, showcase the amazing work in health informatics, and feature presentations and keynote speakers from our state.

REGISTER NOW



Save the Date

Maverick Autonomous Vehicle Research Center GRAND OPENING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 / 9-11 A.M.

UTA Research Institute
7300 Jack Newell Blvd. S., Fort Worth

RSVP HERE

UTA  **Maverick Autonomous
Vehicle Research Center**



Register for the MAVRC facility grand opening event

Come witness the future of aerial autonomy as we officially open the new MAVRC outdoor drone testing facility on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Learn about its exciting research and industry applications and network with autonomous vehicle experts, technology developers, and industry professionals.

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Information Items

CREATING IMPACT:

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH LIMITED RESOURCES

with Four-Time Emmy Award-Winner, JEREMY SHERLICK

WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

12:45-2:00 PM

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Central Library



UTA Center for Entrepreneurship
and Technology Development



CETD's Fall Open House with Emmy Award-Winner Jeremy Sherlick

Join the Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology Development (CETD) for its Fall 2025 Open House Speaker Series, featuring four-time Emmy-winning producer Jeremy Sherlick. On September 3-4, Sherlick will host talks on creating impact and his journey from Pixar to the Council on Foreign Relations, culminating in an evening Open House & Q&A. This series is ideal for students and faculty interested in media, film, and storytelling. [RSVP here](#)



QEP Input Opportunities

UTA is in the process of completing our SACSCOC reaffirmation of accreditation. As part of this process, the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Committee is seeking input from the UTA community to identify a topic that addresses a challenge or opportunity to improve student success.

- Complete the [QEP survey](#) by September 12.
- Join the QEP Committee for a World Café event on September 19 to discuss the process and potential QEP topics. Space is limited, [RSVP here](#). For more details, visit the [QEP website](#).



NIH R15 AREA Program Eligibility Update

Effective **October 1, 2025**, UTA will no longer be eligible to apply for the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA/R15) program. This change is due to the university exceeding the NIH's eligibility threshold—receiving more than \$6 million in NIH funding in four of the last seven federal fiscal years. We encourage faculty to explore other NIH funding mechanisms and to consult [Pivot](#) for guidance on alternative opportunities.



Center for Proposal Development Overview of Services

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. Register now to secure your spot - **Friday, October 3, from 12 – 1:30 p.m.** [RSVP here](#).

[View additional updates](#)



Faculty Career Awards

The DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory seeks unclassified research proposals from Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI) under the DEVCOM ARL BAA to establish an Army HBCU/MI Early Career Program. Proposals must address an Army Research Office topic in the ARL BAA. Applications are open through November 20, 2027. 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](#)



Introducing the Heidi Yaple New Member Scholarship

The Heidi Yaple New Member Scholarship, a tribute to a beloved leader whose life's work was centered on making sure everyone felt they belonged. It removes potential barriers for new members of [The North Texas Chapter of Grant Professionals](#), making it possible for more grant professionals to join our chapter and experience the connection, support, and encouragement that Heidi valued so deeply. [Learn more](#)



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Complete the [PreAward Services Survey](#) to leave input and feedback that helps us improve and continue providing valuable support.

Upcoming Training and Events

Thursday, Aug. 28, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

IRB Mini Conference

If you conduct human subject research or would like to learn more about the institutional review board (IRB) process, please join us for the IRB Mini-Conference in virtual format on Thursday, Aug. 28 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Topics will include human subject research, informed consent, recruitment of subjects, submissions to the IRB, and protecting human subject electronic data. For further information about this conference and to register, please visit the registration link [here](#). Questions? Contact regulatoryservices@uta.edu.

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cross Timbers Government Procurement Conference 2025

Don't miss our [29th Annual Government Procurement Conference](#)! UTA's Cross Timbers Government Procurement

Conference 2025 (GPC 2025) is back and packed with winning strategies to elevate your contracting game at every level, from micro-purchases to multi-million-dollar opportunities.

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2-4 p.m.

2025 State of the University

Join President Cowley in celebrating a year of UTA accomplishments and preparing for an exciting academic year ahead at the annual State of the University address.

Friday, Sept. 12, 12 p.m.

You're Invited: Introduction to the Office of Grant and Contract Services (OGCS)

Join the Office of Grant and Contract Services (OGCS) for an introductory session on how we support UTA researchers in securing and managing external funding. Learn about our PreAward services for identifying opportunities and submitting proposals, award setup guidance, and PostAward support for managing budgets, subawards, and closeout. Please [RSVP](#) by Wednesday September 10th.

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

Regulatory Updates

NOT-OD-25-138: Request for Information on Maximizing Research Funds by Limiting Allowable Publishing Costs

NIH Notice NOT-OD-25-138 is a Request for Information (RFI) seeking input on limiting publishing costs – like article processing charges – in NIH-funded projects. The aim is to ensure these costs don't overly burden grant budgets or disadvantage under-resourced researchers, while still supporting open access and equitable research dissemination.

NOT-OD-25-132: Supporting Fairness and Originality in NIH Research Applications

NIH will limit PIs to 6 new, renewal, resubmission, or revision research grant applications per calendar year, effective with the Sept 25, 2025 receipt date. The limit applies to all applications submitted as PI or MPI across all council rounds. T activity codes and R13 Conference Grants are excluded from this policy.

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

Research Achievements



UTA student's research earns international recognition

AI research targets faster drug development

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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