

JULY 2024

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## UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

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TUESDAY, JULY 9 | 1 P.M.

### JOIN DRA TEAMS CHANNEL

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

FRIDAY, JULY 12 | 12 P.M.

### MASTERING THE RPPR

On June 12 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., online and in Trinity Hall, the Office of Grant and Contract Services will provide an overview of research performance progress report (RPPR) requirements and discuss best practices for completing an RPPR via the eRA Commons grant management system. The eRA Commons system supports grants from the National Institutes of Health, Department of Commerce, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and other federal agencies. This is an opportunity for principal investigators (PI) to understand the reporting process at UTA including PI and postaward roles, submission formats, and reporting timelines. **Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees.** Please complete the [RSVP form](#) by Wednesday July 10, for additional meeting information and to be included in the lunch order. Contact [Elissa Williams](#) for additional information.

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## Applications Due July 19 for UTA Research Programs

Applications are due [July 19](#) for students interested in the [Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program \(UROP\)](#) and the [Undergraduate Research Assistant Program \(UGRAP\)](#). Selected students [will participate in research](#) up to 19 hours per week alongside distinguished professors. UROP students are compensated \$1,500 a semester; UGRAP students receive \$9 an hour.

## Applications Due Aug. 9 for inSTEM program

Undergraduate students in science, technology, or math fields have until Aug. 9 to apply for the [inSTEM program](#), a unique initiative that blends mentorship, hands-on projects, and exposure to research and industry best practices. [To apply](#), applicants must be a full-time student in STEM with a GPA of 2.8 or above. A stipend is provided. Please share this opportunity with students in STEM interested in a paid research opportunity.

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## NIH Extension for Basic Experimental Studies

This notice, [NOT-OD-24-118](#), from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) replaces [NOT-OD-22-205](#). It further extends interim policy flexibilities regarding registration and results reporting for a subset of NIH-funded research where the primary purpose is basic experimental studies with humans (BESH) submitted in response to designated BESH Notices of Funding Opportunity. These studies—referred to in [NOT-OD-18-212](#) as prospective basic science studies involving human participants—meet both the [NIH definition of a clinical trial](#) and also the federal definition of basic research.

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## Send in Your Research Photos

Let UTA showcase your research in the field! [Email](#) photos of your work that you would like to see included in University marketing materials and on the website. Your submissions will help tell the story of the depth and breadth of research conducted by our students and faculty. Contact [Katherine Egan Bennett](#) for more information.

## Sign Up for Research Listservs

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

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## UTA research team aims to decode dog “speech”

Have you ever wondered what a dog’s bark means? A team from UT Arlington led by Kenny Zhu has a grant from the National Science Foundation to use machine learning to see if they can decode “dog words,” reported [CBS Texas](#), [WMAZ](#), [WFAA](#), [KVUE](#), [Yahoo News](#), [MSN News](#), and [100.3 Jack FM](#). The story also was carried by dozens of CBS, ABC, and Fox affiliate stations nationwide.

## Fewer cancer screenings among rural individuals

A team led by Zhaoli Liu in the College of Nursing and Health Innovation found that women who live in rural Texas are less likely to get routine mammograms compared to their rural counterparts. The study, published in [Geriatric Nursing](#), was covered by [MSN News](#), [Medical Xpress](#), [Health Imaging](#), and [Health Medicine Network](#).

*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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