

JUNE 2024

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## UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

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FRIDAY, JUNE 14 | 12 P.M.

### NSF PAPPG UPDATE 2024 AND SCIENCEV OVERVIEW

For the first 30 minutes of this session, Preward will discuss changes from the National Science Foundation (NSF) that became effective May 20 with the release of the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide ([PAPPG](#)) 24-1. These changes are effective for proposals due on or after that date. The second half of this session will be a refresher on the use of [SciENCv](#) for biosketches and current and pending support. This workshop is open to any UTA faculty, staff, or students interested in NSF. Please [RSVP](#) for additional meeting information and/or to be included in our lunch order. Contact [Elissa Williams](#) for more information.

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### 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.

### Nokia Seeks High-Impact Research Proposals

Nokia is looking for research proposals on topics that will have a high impact on its [environmental, research, and governance initiative](#). Successful proposals will trigger funding in the \$20,000 to \$55,000 range. For more information, contact Nokia's [Head of Event Maykim Chin](#).

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## POLICY AND PROCEDURE UPDATES

### 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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## NOTIFICATIONS AND REMINDERS

### 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 IN THE NEWS

### World's Chocolate Supply Threatened by Virus

A rapidly spreading virus threatens the health of the cacao tree and the dried seeds from which chocolate is made, jeopardizing the global supply of the treat. UTA's Benito Chen-Charpentier and colleagues [have developed a new strategy](#)—using mathematical data to determine how far apart farmers can plant vaccinated trees to prevent spread of the virus. His study was published in [PLoS One](#). Sixty-eight news outlets around the world covered the story, including [Pieuvre in Canada](#), [Mirror in England](#), [Science Post in France](#), [India Blooms in India](#), [Jerusalem Post in Israel](#), [la Repubblica in Italy](#), [The East African in Kenya](#), [New Zealand Herald in New Zealand](#), [Meteored in Portugal](#), [Life in Russia](#), [Sport in Spain](#), and [Expressen in Sweden](#). Domestically, it was covered by many outlets including [The New York Post](#) and [Newsweek](#).

# Impacts of Climate Change on Food Production

A [new peer-reviewed study](#) from UTA's Behnaz Balmaki and Masoud A. Rostami and colleagues shows that climate change has led to decreased pollen production from plants and less pollen diversity than previously thought, which [could have a significant impact on food production](#). The story has been covered by [MSN News](#), [Medium](#), [Earth.com](#), [Technology Networks](#), [Environmental News Network](#), and [India Today](#).

*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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