

NOVEMBER 2024

UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

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FRIDAY, NOV. 8 | 12 P.M.

DAY FAMILY RESEARCH LAB INTRODUCTION

Join the Office of Grant and Contract Services (OGCS) and UTA Day Family Research Lab staff on Friday, Nov. 8, at 12 p.m. for an overview of the support offered by this [new space for researchers](#). The Day Family Research Lab combines several areas of expertise in one hub at UTA Libraries to support researchers throughout their research journeys. The event will explain highlights of the lab, including in-house expertise in data, statistics, systematic/scoping reviews, patents, publishing support, and research dissemination/impact.

Available [online](#) and in person in Central Library, Room 510; **lunch will be provided for in-person attendees. Please complete this [RSVP form](#) by Wednesday Nov. 6**, for additional meeting information and to be included in the lunch order. Contact [Elissa Williams](#) for more information.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12 | 1 P.M.

JOIN DRA TEAMS CHANNEL

Join our Teams channel for Departmental Research Administrators (DRAs) and get the latest information from each other and pre- and postaward in the OGCS. The group meets virtually every other month to discuss best practices and bring in UTA subject matter experts to answer your questions. Contact [Elissa Williams](#) to be added to the Teams channel for DRAs.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15 | 12 P.M.

GRANT WRITING 101

On Friday, Nov. 15, in person or online, the Center for Proposal Development will host Eva Garland Consulting (EGC) as they present “Grant Writing 101.” Arsalan Daudi, a scientific consultant with EGC, will detail grant writing components for a successful grant proposal. Open to all faculty, staff, or students interested in grant writing; lunch will be provided for in-person attendees at SEIR 198. The event is free, but [RSVP](#) is required. Visit the Center for Proposal Development [website](#) or contact [Dorothy Sullivan](#) for additional information.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13 | 12:00 P.M.

LEARN TO ENGAGE WITH DOD

Join [Erik Wolf](#) of The Conafay Group [online](#) or in person in ERB 228 for a workshop on how to obtain Department of Defense (DoD) medical research and development funding. Brought to you by OGCS, attendees will learn tools to improve competitiveness for research dollars and win grants from the Defense Health Agency and other related entities. Speakers will discuss how to engage the DoD, what kinds of research DoD funds, and how their system works. **Lunch will be provided for in-person staff, faculty, or student attendees. Please complete this [RSVP form](#) by Tuesday, Dec. 10**, for additional meeting information and to be included in the lunch order. Contact [Elissa Williams](#) to learn more.

DARPA Young Faculty Award solicitations

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Young Faculty Award aims to identify and mentor early career researchers in academia and provide funding to pursue innovative research projects that enable transformative Department of Defense capabilities. This year, DARPA has switched to an open-topic format for applications, asking that proposed ideas simply align to a DARPA office, technical area, and keyword listed in the solicitation. Visit its [website](#) for more information.

Engineering scholarships available

The UTA Department of Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) is offering scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for eligible undergraduates. This program allows students to work on cutting-edge research with globally recognized faculty and gain potential summer research experience at Northwestern University’s Materials Research Science and Engineering Center. Students selected for the scholarship must commit to joining UTA’s MSE graduate program upon completion of their undergraduate studies. Visit the [MSE website](#) for more information.

McNair Scholar applications due Nov. 15

The McNair Scholars Program at UTA is accepting applications through **Friday, Nov. 15**. McNair Scholars receive a \$4,000 stipend to pay for a summer research internship that includes hands-on research activities

as well as preparations for Graduate Record Examinations, graduate school application fee waivers, opportunities to participate in research seminars and events, and career development support. [View eligibility requirements and apply.](#)

MFA for research.gov

Mandatory use of multifactor authentication (MFA) for research.gov sign-in became effective on Sunday, Oct. 27. All external users must first complete a one-time MFA enrollment process that was available starting on Oct. 27 and then use MFA to sign into research.gov going forward. Training guides and FAQs are available on the new About Signing Into Research.gov page on [research.gov help](#).

Faculty honor nominations due Jan. 12

Through Jan. 12, 2025, each college is accepting applications for the [Faculty Research Honors](#). These awards represent some of the highest honors for research and scholarship at UTA, recognizing faculty members who have made significant contributions to their fields. The “Distinguished Record of Research or Creative Activity Award” recognizes a faculty member for achieving a distinguished record of research and scholarship or creative activity over an extended period. The “Outstanding Research Achievement or Creative Accomplishment Award” recognizes a faculty member for achieving a particularly important research or creative accomplishment during the past three years.

New access to PIVOT-RP

UTA researchers can now use PIVOT-RP, an expert-curated global source of funding opportunities. Researchers should claim or create a free profile at [PIVOT-RP](#). There are also helpful documents that provide step-by-step instructions in the PIVOT Knowledge Center. [The Center for Proposal Development](#) provides additional helpful links on the [Funding Opportunities](#) portion of its website.

Free headshots available for researchers

UTA provides free headshots to faculty and staff. Visit the Marketing, Messaging, and Engagement [website to schedule a studio portrait](#).

Sign Up for Research Listserv

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

What the snake gut tells us about human digestion

Humans can't regrow limbs or organs like some animals, but they do renew cells, including the lining of intestines. In contrast to the minor turnover of cells in humans, some snakes undergo extensive regenerative of their intestine upon feeding. New [research](#) by biologists Todd Castoe and Siddharth Gopalan shows snakes renew their guts the same way mammals respond to gastric bypass surgery. The story was covered many by news outlets, including [MSN News](#), [Earth.com](#), [Medical Xpress](#), [Science Daily](#), [Biocompare](#), [Laboratory Equipment](#), and [NSF News](#).

Walz's candidacy underscores the power of teachers

Although vice-presidential candidate Tim Walz's background as a public-school teacher is rare in U.S. politics, political scientist Christopher Chambers-Ju's [research](#) shows educators are well-represented in politics throughout the rest of the world. His article on the topic was published in [The Conversation](#) and republished by [Houston Chronicle](#), [San Francisco Gate](#), [MSN News](#), [Minnesota Post](#), [Kentucky Messenger-Inquirer](#), [Ground News](#), and [Yahoo! News](#).

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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