

SEPTEMBER 2024

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## UPCOMING TRAINING AND EVENTS

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**THURSDAY, AUG. 29 | 1 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. 29, 2024 from 1-4 p.m.** Topics will include human subject research, informed consent, recruitment of subjects, submissions to the IRB, and protecting human subject electronic data. Faculty, staff, and students are welcome!

For further information about this conference and to register, please see the [flyer](#) or visit the [registration link here](#). For questions, contact [regulatoryservices@uta.edu](mailto:regulatoryservices@uta.edu).

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 | 12 P.M.**

### WELCOME TO OGCS

Join the Office of Grants and Contract Services (OGCS) from 12-2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13, [online](#) or in person at Trinity Hall Room 104 E/W for an overview of OGCS, which serves the UTA community by providing Preaward and Postaward services for externally funded grants and contracts. Together, OGCS helps faculty, staff, and students obtain and manage external funding. Preaward assists with finding opportunities and submitting the proposal for funding. Postaward helps with the management of the award, in line with sponsor and institution requirements, including establishing and overseeing subawards, obtaining prior approvals, managing the budget, and final closeout of the award.

This workshop is open to UTA faculty, staff, or students interested in the sponsored grants and contracts process at UTA. Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees. Please complete the [RSVP form](#) by

Wednesday, Sept. 11, to be included in the lunch order. Contact [elissa.williams@uta.edu](mailto:elissa.williams@uta.edu) if you have any issues.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 | 12 P.M.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 | 12 P.M.

## PIVOT-RP TURNS OPPORTUNITIES INTO OUTCOMES

UTA researchers can now use PIVOT-RP, an expert curated global source of funding opportunities. [The Center for Proposal Development](#) will have two hour-long workshops to introduce this new tool to faculty, staff, and students. The event will be held virtually and in person. Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees. [RSVP](#) or contact [Dorothy Sullivan](#) for more information.

MONDAY, SEPT. 23 | 4:30 P.M.

## CETD FALL OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK SIGNING

[The Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology Development \(CETD\)](#) is hosting its open house, featuring Rob Lalka, author of *The Venture Alchemists: How Big Tech Turned Profits into Power*, on Sept. 23. A limited number of complimentary copies of Lalka's book will be available to attendees. This gathering offers an opportunity to connect with the entrepreneurship community and learn about upcoming programming. Please [RSVP](#).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24 | 11:00 A.M.

## WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND HEALTH CARE SERIES

The College of Nursing and Health Innovation-Smart Hospital will host a networking event on Tuesday, Sept. 24, that will include a guest speaker and free lunch. This event offers a chance to connect with like-minded individuals and industry experts who share a passion for health care and innovation. [RSVP today](#).

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## NOTIFICATIONS AND REMINDERS

### Handling Allegations of Foreign Interference

[The National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#) has issued a [new decision matrix for assessing potential foreign interference](#) as part of its ongoing efforts to be transparent about its policies and procedures. The decision matrix builds on the detailed information already available and offers additional detail as to how NIH considers whether to contact institutions to request additional information.

### New NSF Mentoring Plan Required

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has changed the requirements for its mentoring plan, expanding it to require a plan for both *graduate students* and postdoctoral researchers supported on a project. The

mentoring plan is still limited to only one page. A full summary of all changes can be found on the [NSF 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](#).

## 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 Listserv

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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## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Director of Undergraduate Research

Associate Professor of chemistry and biochemistry Kayunta Johnson-Winters has been named the Director of Undergraduate Research. She has been serving as the interim director since August 2023.

### New Grants and Contracts Staff

The Office of Grant and Contracts Services has three new staff members. Alexis Parks has joined as Grants and Contracts Specialist I, Dean VonFox is a new Grants and Contracts Specialist II, and Daisy Hernandez is now Preaward Grant and Contract Specialist II.

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## UTA RESEARCH IN THE NEWS

### Barriers to exercise for people with disabilities

UTARI research scientist Alexandra Jamieson [published new research](#) showing that people with disabilities experience barriers when trying to establish an exercise regimen. Many news outlets reported on her findings, including [U.S. News and World Report](#), [Drugs.com](#), [HealthDay](#), [San Francisco Chronicle](#), [MSN News](#), and [The Conversation](#).

# Alaskan land eroding faster due to climate change

[A new study from Nathan Brown](#), assistant professor of earth and environmental studies, shows that frozen land is eroding faster than it can be replaced due to climate change. The story was covered by many news outlets, including [MSN News](#), [Eurasia Review](#), [The Cool Down](#), and [Meteored](#).

*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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