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**CPI Newsletter – September 2022**

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## Update from Dr. Debjyoti Banerjee, 2022-2023 CPI Chair

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September CPI News – The Council of Principal Investigators Executive Committee (CPI-EC) met with administrators on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Discussions and updates during the September CPI-EC items for potential speakers as well as items of discussions for the upcoming September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with the full CPI membership at the September 14, 2022 CPI General Meeting.

I invite you to contact me, Dr. Jessica Bernard, 2022-2023 CPI Vice Chair at [cpi@tamu.edu](mailto:cpi@tamu.edu) or Rebecca Luckey, [rluckey@tamu.edu](mailto:rluckey@tamu.edu), for more information or to suggest agenda items for CPI's monthly meetings. The CPI Executive Committee continues to meet with the president, interim provost and chancellor on a regular basis.

*CPI Contacts*—The complete 2022-2023 roster of CPI Representatives and the CPI Executive Committee can be found on the CPI website at <https://cpi.tamu.edu/membership>. Previous membership lists can be found in the council [archive](#).

For more information on CPI, to suggest agenda items for CPI's monthly meetings, or contact any of the officers, please email [cpi@tamu.edu](mailto:cpi@tamu.edu) or Rebecca Luckey, [rluckey@tamu.edu](mailto:rluckey@tamu.edu), our CPI Coordinator.

## DARPA National Security Innovation Conference

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DARPA Forward is taking national security innovation on the road. From August to December 2022, six regional events held at leading research and development universities nationwide will connect Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency leaders with new communities of talent and partnerships. The ultimate goal: to energize regional and national innovation ecosystems, fuel breakthroughs in national security, and help deliver the U.S. technological advantage.

DARPA Forward participants will hear from world-renowned scientists, accomplished innovators, and senior defense leaders about new capabilities as well as the rapidly evolving challenges faced by warfighters. As these will be hybrid conferences, DARPA invites you to join them in person for one event and virtually for as many as you would like!

DARPA will host a conference at Texas A&M—College Station on Tuesday, November 15. Click [here](#) to register.

## Microscopy and Imaging Center Workshop: Intro to Fluorescence

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The Microscopy and Imaging Center is hosting an upcoming Introduction to Fluorescence Workshop on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00am in the ILSB conference room 1143. There will be presentations in the morning followed by tours of the Microscopy and Imaging Center, Integrated Microscopy and Imaging Lab, and Image Analysis Lab which are all Core Facilities available to the TAMU research community.

Please help us spread the word to anyone interested in learning more about Fluorescence Imaging. RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/Vm4b8x49VN8XhX8a8>

## Announcement of Huron Research Suite

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We are pleased to announce the new disclosure system hosted by [Huron Research Suite](#) will be used to centralize Financial Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment disclosures, as well as Faculty

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Consulting/External Employment approval requests. You will log in to [Huron](#) with your existing NetID/UIN via SSO. Important items to note:

- **Financial Conflicts of Interest:** annual disclosures were previously created in Maestro. Going forward, all new disclosures will be completed in [Huron](#). This includes disclosures that need to be updated, and disclosures as they expire in Maestro.
- **Conflict of Commitment:** annual disclosures previously utilized a hard copy form. Going forward, this will now be captured in [Huron](#).
- **External Employment:** Approval requests required under [31.05.01.M1 Faculty Consulting and/or External Professional Employment](#) (TAMUS [31.05.01 Faculty Consulting and/or External Professional Employment](#) and [31.05.02 External Employment](#)) will no longer utilize the hard copy paper form. Approval will now be requested via the [Huron](#) Pre-Approval request module, and will route for approvals within Huron. Approval routing paths were pulled from the supervisory organizational structure within Workday. If any changes need to be made, please let us know at [coi@tamu.edu](mailto:coi@tamu.edu) as soon as possible so that we may manually update the approval routing path for your department and/or College within Huron.

**Important changes to note:**

- All faculty and staff will be required to complete a disclosure in [Huron](#). Investigators will see an additional set of questions that will meet the FCOI requirement that was previously captured in Maestro.
- We have set up trainings with many departments across campus to assist faculty and staff with this new process. If we have not yet scheduled your unit, please reach out to us at [coi@tamu.edu](mailto:coi@tamu.edu) and we will get you on our schedule. We also have several open sessions scheduled for the following days/times. Please email [coi@tamu.edu](mailto:coi@tamu.edu) for Zoom information.
  - September 21, 9 am – 10 am
  - October 6, 9 am – 10 am

For additional information, including user guides, please see our [website](#).

## Innovation Partners Updates

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### Intellectual Property Attorney Office Hours – September 15, 2022

Available attorneys:

- [Sam Savanich](#), Womble Bond & Dickinson
- [Michael Rodriguez '91](#), Munk Wilson & Mandala
- [Allen Moon '04](#), Winstead PC

Appointments are available at no cost to Texas A&M faculty, staff, and students to meet with an attorney and ask intellectual property-related questions.

[To register for an appointment, click here.](#)

### Technology Transfer Course for Faculty and Staff

Want to learn more about working successfully with the tech transfer office to advance your discoveries? This course, through a series of webinars and activities, will help university researchers understand the basics of technology transfer beginning with invention disclosure, all the way to marketing the invention so that it can be licensed. Discover the fundamental building blocks of technology transfer - from compliance, policy and intellectual property to technology transfer agreements, terms and forms.

*Course summary:*

- Section 1: Basics of Technology Transfer
- Section 2: Invention Disclosures

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- Section 3: Patenting 101
  - Section 4: Inventorship: Let's Help Each Other
  - Section 5: Marketing Successful Practices

To register, [click here](#).

#### **Fall 2022 IP Office Hours**

- September 15th
- October 19th
- November 17th

Appointments are available at no cost to Texas A&M faculty, staff, and students to meet with an attorney and ask intellectual property-related questions. To learn more about this program or register, [please visit our website](#).

**Intellectual Property Course:** Texas A&M Innovation Partners is providing a [Summer 2022 Intellectual Property Course](#) on Canvas that is available to all faculty, staff and students. This course is designed to help the learner understand the basics of intellectual property and related issues. It will also assist the learner with the comprehension of the patent-filing process, along with the benefits of meeting with an IP Attorney.

**Technology Transfer Basics Course:** Enrollment is open for AUTM's 'Technology Transfer Basics for University Faculty and Research Staff' course, provided by Texas A&M Innovation Partners. [Please fill out the enrollment form here](#) if interested. This course will help researchers understand the basics of technology transfer beginning with invention disclosure, all the way to marketing the invention so that it can be licensed. Topics such as need-to-know technology transfer terminology, the US patent application process, and differences between inventorship, authorship, and ownership are among some of the areas covered.

**New Venture Office Hours:** Have an innovation based on University intellectual property that you think may be a fit for a startup company that you, a graduate student, post-doc, or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party might found? Sign up for an introductory meeting with Chris Scotti, serial entrepreneur turned Director of New Ventures at Texas A&M Innovation Partners, to discuss entrepreneurial commercialization and what resources are available to support the effort. Send an email to [cscotti@tamu.edu](mailto:cscotti@tamu.edu) with 2-3 sentences about your innovation, your department, and several available windows of time.

## **Division of Research Town Halls for Research Enterprise Stakeholders**

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The Division of Research continues the strategic planning process with Town Halls beginning September 8 for research enterprise stakeholders. Stakeholders are encouraged to share their voice on a variety of key themes: research infrastructure, interdisciplinary research, innovation, and administrative challenges. Each session will be facilitated by the Mays Business School, Bill Peel and Jon Jaspersen. Utilizing the S.O.A.R. and Aspirational Inquiry philosophy (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results) participants will shape each session by sharing their own experiences and perspectives. Diversity in voices is encouraged!

All Town Halls will be held at the McFerrin Center, 1700 Research Parkway, College Station, TX 77843  
Parking is free.

Town Halls\* are limited to 50 persons and participants may attend only one Town Hall, in order to maximize participation by others.

Visit [Strategic Planning – Division of Research \(tamu.edu\)](#) for more information and to register, beginning August 30.

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## Summer 2022 Fellowship Application Boot Camp Series

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The Graduate and Professional School, in collaboration with the Texas A&M University System Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (TAMUS LSAMP), hosted a series of workshops during Summer 2022 focused on submitting successful fellowship applications.

These workshops included discussions on various components of a fellowship application and national fellowships available to graduate students. Looking to expand this series, support from the Council of Principal Investigators (CPI) faculty has been requested to assist students with the application review process, such as providing 1:1 mentorship and application feedback from August 2022 - December 2022. If you are interested in volunteering and for additional details, please refer to the flyer at the end of the CPI newsletter.

## Cayuse Learning Session on demand

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On February 3, 2022 SRS held an informational session for researchers on Cayuse Proposals. This session was recorded and is now available via the SRS website at [Cayuse Proposals \(S2S\) – Sponsored Research Services \(tamu.edu\)](#). The “review the prerecorded session [here](#) link” will take you to the recording.

Cayuse Proposals is a tool that is designed for administrators and/or researchers to use for the preparation of proposals.

SRS will be providing quarterly information sessions for researchers via Zoom to offer guidance on the use of Cayuse Proposals. Sessions will be held the following days/times in 2022.

If you are interested in signing up for one of the sessions below, please select the desired date/time below and complete the registration.

- [Thursday, November 3, 2022 10:00-11:30am](#)

If the established dates or times do not work for an individual, we can accommodate personalized sessions.

**Below is the link for participants/attendees to submit questions before the session.**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=44HzaNpGuUe6V28yK48NodqsgBcEC\\_hAqkij23uJXahUMVJHUVhJWjMxQUhFV0pJU1FVVDVRQVFLVC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=44HzaNpGuUe6V28yK48NodqsgBcEC_hAqkij23uJXahUMVJHUVhJWjMxQUhFV0pJU1FVVDVRQVFLVC4u)

## Register Now: NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy Webinar Series

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NIH is offering two free webinars to prepare the research community for the new NIH Data Management Sharing policy which goes into effect on January 25, 2023.

- Part one was on Thursday August 11, 2022
- Part two on Thursday September 22, 2022.

*Note: you must register for each event separately. See information below to register.*

The NIH Office of Science Policy (OSP) and the Office of Extramural Research (OER) invite you to join them for an engaging and interactive webinar focused on the new DMS policy which goes into effect on January 25, 2023. In this webinar, you will learn about DMS policy expectations, the applicability of the policy, how to prepare a Data Management and Sharing Plan, and considerations for sharing data

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responsibly. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to hear from policy experts and get your questions answered.

Make plans to also attend Part 2 of this DMS Webinar Series, "Diving Deeper into the NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy." Register separately at <https://bit.ly/Diving-Deeper-Into-DMS-Policy>. In this second webinar of the series, we will expand upon the information presented in the first webinar and dive deeper into topics including privacy protections for data from human participants and justifiable limitations on sharing data.

## Limited Submission Proposal Opportunities

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The Division of Research has a limited proposal submission and review portal. The system will be used for limited submissions and most internal grant programs. You will find available opportunities at: <https://tamu.infoready4.com/#limitedsubmissions>. If you have any questions, please contact [limitedsubmissions@tamu.edu](mailto:limitedsubmissions@tamu.edu).

## Proposal Assistance for Large Multidisciplinary Funding Opportunities

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The Division of Research, Research Development Services, offers free assistance to teams pursuing large multidisciplinary funding opportunities. To learn more about the types of assistance offered or to request assistance, click [here](#).

## Bulletin for Principal Investigators

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The Division of Research at Texas A&M University publishes a weekly bulletin about research. The Research Bulletin accepts news items about researchers and their teams from the colleges, schools, campuses and agencies within the Texas A&M research enterprise, including honors, funding, presentations, and appearances in news media. [Click here](#) to subscribe or unsubscribe to the bulletin.



**Please reserve your seat now for the upcoming Town Halls:**

**September 15**      **Cultivate: Interdisciplinary Research**    8:00 am – 11:00 am

**September 15**      **Nurture: Innovation**    12 noon – 3:00 pm

**September 22**      **Uproot: Administrative Challenges**    8:00 am – 11:00 am

**September 22\*\***    **Ecosystem: Infrastructure**    12 noon - 3:00 pm

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Please register through the division's [strategic planning](http://vpr.tamu.edu/strategic-planning/) webpage (vpr.tamu.edu/strategic-planning/).

## Grow with Us!

*\*Excludes Division of Research departments/units/programs/centers/institutes as DOR-only Town Halls concluded July 13.*

*\*\*Moved from September 8 to September 22.*