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## CPI Newsletter – July 2025

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## Update from Dr. Robin Page, 2024-2025 CPI Chair

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**July CPI News** – The Council of Principal Investigators Executive Committee (CPI-EC) met on Wednesday, July 2, 2025. The meeting began with a **state legislative update** and a recap of the **89th State Legislative Session**, presented by Ms. Julie Kopycinski, Chief Government Relations Officer, Office of Government Relations, Texas A&M University. For ongoing updates, visit the Office of Government Relations [Home | Office of Government Relations](#) and recent Federal Policy Changes [Federal Policy Changes | Office of Government Relations](#).

The CPI-EC also discussed **Faculty Support Guidance for Grant Issues** with Dr. Heather Lench, Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs. A committee is currently developing guidance, and more information will be shared once finalized. Dr. Lench and Dr. Blanca Lupiani, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, emphasized that their office is available to support faculty affected by funding disruptions. Faculty are encouraged to reach out and review available resources on the Faculty Affairs website: <https://facultyaffairs.tamu.edu/faculty-support-guidance-for-grant-issues.html>

The committee also received **research compliance updates**, including ancillary review processes related to human subjects research. Ms. Rojo del Busto, Associate Vice President for Research and Research Compliance Officer, and Ms. Aliese Seawright, Director of the Human Research Protection Program, provided updates and shared a draft handout titled *Ancillary Reviews*. Once finalized, the document will be available on the compliance website: [Research Ancillary Review – Division of Research](#).

Dr. Joe Elabd, Vice Chancellor for Research, Texas A&M University System, provided a system-wide update. He expressed appreciation for the collaborative efforts of Sponsored Research Services, the Division of Research, and Government and State Relations teams in hosting weekly morning briefings to keep everyone informed on federal and state legislative developments. These updates are critical as they impact the entire system. Dr. Elabd also noted that while most Executive Stop Orders have been addressed, approximately 25 remain unresolved. He concluded with an update on the **Chief Innovation Officer search**, sharing that a strong applicant pool has been identified, and the top three candidates will be invited to College Station for final interviews.

CPI has almost completed the 2025 annual elections of new and re-elected CPI Representatives. CPI is still in the process of electing the new 2025-2026 CPI Vice Chair. Elections will be finalized for the CPI Vice Chair later this month. CPI is very pleased with the number of Principal Investigators that accepted nominations, and our thanks go out to all who contended for a seat. Congratulations to all who were elected or re-elected. Their election statements can be found at: [2025 Election Results – Council of Principal Investigators](#).

All Principal Investigators are encouraged to share concerns or suggestions with their CPI representatives. To find your representative, visit the CPI Membership page: [2024-2025 Council Membership – Council of Principal Investigators](#)

The CPI Executive Committee continues to meet monthly with President Welsh, Provost Sams, the interim Vice President for Research, Dr. Costas Georgiades, and other Texas A&M and System leadership. PIs are welcome to submit research-related concerns or agenda topics to [CPI@tamu.edu](mailto:CPI@tamu.edu) or to any CPI representative.

Recordings of past CPI General Meetings are available at: [2024-2025 General Meeting Schedule – Council of Principal Investigators](#)

**Next CPI General Meeting:** Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

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## ORAU Hosts Manufacturing USA Institutes Webinar Series – July 23

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**Oak Ridge Associated Universities** (ORAU) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) have partnered to bring ORAU's member universities a six-webinar series aimed at creating opportunities and partnerships between ORAU's members and NIST's 18 Manufacturing USA Institutes. These one-hour discussions will focus on priority initiatives and ways to get involved with each institute.

Our series kicks off July 23, 2025, with a webinar showcasing the Materials Institutes. Join us to hear from Advanced Functional Fabrics of America (AFFOA), the Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation (IACMI), and the National Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Innovation Institute (LIFT). This first webinar will also feature a special welcome from Manufacturing USA's Director, Mike Molnar, keynote speaker from the ORAU Annual Meeting in March.

The remaining webinars will take place monthly through January and will be recorded for those who are unable to attend live. Attendance is open to anyone at an ORAU Member University, though Research Directors, Research Faculty and Tech Transfer Offices are especially encouraged to attend! Please forward the attached flyer throughout your university. [Register here.](#)

## DOE Office-Technology Commercialization Fellowship Program – July 29

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The mission of the Office of Technology Commercialization (OTC) is to expand the commercial and public impact of the research investments of the Department of Energy (DOE) and to focus on commercializing energy technologies that support the missions of the Department. The fellowship is offering the opportunity to learn about the federal government and its role in commercializing energy technologies with DOE's Office of Technology Commercialization (OTC).

You will participate in projects and activities that support commercialization goals across the DOE energy and innovation portfolio by guiding strategy, conducting analysis, identifying opportunities to streamline and simplify processes, and designing & implementing funding programs in the following areas:

- Commercialization Programs team
  - National Lab Commercialization Programs
    - [Technology Commercialization Fund \(TCF\) Base](#)
    - [Energy I-Corps](#)
    - [Technology Commercialization Internship Program](#)
    - [EnergyTech University Prize](#)
  - Partnership Intermediary Agreements (PIA)
  - Foundation for Energy Security and Innovation (FESI)
- Market Analysis team

OTC has the responsibility to interface with the DOE applied research offices and private entities that need energy technology solutions to technology commercialization. Applicants should have a deep interest in energy technologies, commercialization strategies, and various pathways for overcoming market and regulatory barriers for the adoption of new technologies. For more information and to apply, please visit the opportunity on Zintellec: <https://www.zintellec.com/Opportunity/Details/DOE-STP-OTC-2025>

## Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

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**The Texas A&M Office of Postdoctoral Affairs** is offering a series of opportunities for Postdoctoral professionals. For additional information regarding the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, visit their website [Office of Postdoctoral Affairs – Division of Research](#). Attached to the back of this newsletter is a one-page flyer with upcoming events for Postdoctoral Researchers to participate in. Please share with your Postdoctoral Researchers.

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## Texas A&M Research Open House & Expo – August 15

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The Division of Research is hosting an Open House and Expo for faculty, staff, postdocs and graduate students engaged in research. Participants can attend all sessions or drop in for those that are of interest to them. Lunch will be provided and the afternoon Expo & Networking session will provide opportunities to meet the staffers who can help you succeed and get the information you need to advance and protect your research. **Register by August 8<sup>th</sup> [here](#).**

## Responsible Conduct of Research

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As outlined in [University SAP 15.99.99.M0.04](#), RCR training is required for students and postdocs participating in research. ALL students and postdocs participating in research are required to complete online [CITI RCR Training](#).

Additionally, externally funded graduate students and all postdoctoral fellows must complete four (4) hours of face-to-face (F2F) training. This training requirement can be met through the following F2F training opportunities:

- August 21, 2025 (10:00am-2:30pm) – [4 Hour – In person Workshop: Research Misconduct/Authorship/Peer Review, Research Data Management, Safe Research Environments, and Research Security](#) **\*\* (MUST ATTEND ALL 4 HOURS) \*\*** (In-person)
- September 10, 2025 (12:00-1:00pm) – [RCR – Scientific Ethics](#) (In-person)
- October 8, 2025 (10:00-11:00am) – [RCR – Export Controls](#) (Zoom)
- October 23, 2025 (10:00-11:00am) – [RCR – Animal Welfare](#) (Zoom)
- November 12, 2025 (10:00-11:00am) – [RCR – Human Subjects](#) (Zoom)

Please visit our [website](#) for more detailed RCR training requirements for students and postdocs. Information on 1-hour workshops offered through other departments for RCR credit can be found there as well.

Contact [RCR@tamu.edu](mailto:RCR@tamu.edu) for more information.

## Upcoming AnSRS4U presentation: Effort Compliance – August 21

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TAMU Sponsored Research Services (SRS) will host an AnSRS4U presentation Effort Compliance – Thursday August 21, from 10:00 to 11:00am via Zoom.

Time and Effort reporting is a process mandated by the federal government to verify that direct labor charges (salaries and wages) to federally sponsored projects are reasonable and reflect actual work performed. As a recipient of federal funds, The Texas A&M University System is subject to financial accounting and reporting obligations designed to ensure that the charges to its federally sponsored projects are allowable and properly allocable to those projects. Presented by Karan Watkins, Director of Time and Effort Compliance.

This presentation will be recorded and available here a few days after the presentation.

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://tamu.zoom.us/meeting/register/DwNO9IzGTW2lpS9MCsO9lw>  
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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## Advancing Research, Creativity, and Innovations through Private Sector Partnerships – September 12

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Join us for a workshop on **Friday, September 12, 2025**. This workshop will provide researchers with practical resources for initiating, structuring, and sustaining partnerships with the private sector including industry, philanthropic foundations, and nonprofit organizations. Participants will gain insights into what motivates the private sector to fund research, strategies to pitch research ideas for funding, and resources available to facilitate sponsored projects and resulting intellectual property. Attendees will also become eligible to participate in the new Private Sector Engagement Leadership Program. Registration details are listed below.

### Event Details:

Date: Friday, September 12, 2025

Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Memorial Student Center (MSC), Room 2300 A&B

Texas A&M University – College Station, TX

### Register by August 28

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## Pre-Approval Requests (PARs) Required for External Professional Employment & Consulting

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This is a friendly reminder that Pre-Approval Requests (PARs) are required for activities that fall under A&M System Regulations [31.05.01 Faculty Consulting and/or External Professional Employment](#) ([University Rule 31.05.01.M1 Faculty Consulting and/or External Professional Employment](#)) and [31.05.02 External Employment](#). Using the Huron Research Suite, a PAR must be submitted and approved prior to commencement of the activity. Pursuant to the referenced regulations, PARs are valid for one fiscal year and must be resubmitted each year for ongoing activities.

The submission window has now opened for activities that will start or continue in FY26 (9/01/2025 – 8/31/2026). Please see our [website](#) for additional information. Guidance specific to PARs can be found here: [Disclosure Process in Huron – Division of Research](#)

For more assistance, please reach out to [coi@tamu.edu](mailto:coi@tamu.edu).

## Executive Order GA-48 Update

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Governor Abbott issued [Executive Order GA-48](#) on November 19, 2024, “relating to the hardening of state government.” Under this order, State agencies and institutions of higher education, including Texas A&M University, are required to implement measures to safeguard state infrastructure and assets from threats posed by specific foreign entities. Currently, this applies to China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and the Maduro Regime of Venezuela. Restrictions were placed on certain activities, such as gifts, professional travel, and participation in foreign recruitment programs. Furthermore, the order requires personal travel notifications for travel to a foreign adversary nation and the establishment of minimum qualifications for critical infrastructure positions. For more information, please visit the [Division of Risk, Ethics and Compliance website](#).

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## AnSRS4u Presentation Available on Demand: Export Controls & Prohibited Technologies

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This session focuses on export control regulations and updates to prohibited technologies as applies to individuals affiliated with TAMU. You have the opportunity to watch it on demand via the SRS website at [AnSRS4U – Sponsored Research Services \(tamu.edu\)](#)

## NSF 23-519: Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Submission Window Canceled

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This was **announced July 1, 2025 on the NSF website**. [NSF 23-519: Major Research Instrumentation Program \(MRI\) | NSF - National Science Foundation](#)

### Important Information and Revision Notes

The previously announced October 15 – November 14, 2025 submission window has been cancelled. Any proposals submitted in response to this window will be returned without review.

The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) program held a webcast presenting its plans for FY 2026 on July 10, 2025. For additional information go to the NSF 23-519 website.

## Central Location to Learn of NIH New Initiatives and Policies

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[NIH: Implementation of New Initiatives and Policies](#): This page serves as a central location where you can learn more about the status of changes impacting NIH grants process and plans for implementing new initiatives and policies. <https://grants.nih.gov/policy-and-compliance/implementation-of-new-initiatives-and-policies>

## Strategic Initiatives and Research Development Services Updates

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### • Research Development Services

- **RDS Workshops and Consultations:** RDS offers a robust series of workshops each year targeting proposal development topics. Our FY26 calendar will be released on August 1, including the usual NSF CAREER and other early career faculty focused events, but adding a focus on grantsmanship and agency updates to help faculty retool in light of recent federal changes (**more information and registration available Aug. 1, [click here](#)**). All faculty ranks are invited to participate in the workshops.  
RDS also offers one-on-one consultations for early career faculty. To learn more about early career faculty assistance or to request assistance, [click here](#).
- **Multidisciplinary Proposal Support:** RDS provides proposal development support to Texas A&M University. Our services include proposal process management, assistance with non-scientific documents, proposal writing, editing, and formatting, and strategic proposal review. To discover the full range of support available or to request personalized assistance for your team, [click here](#). Let us help you turn your research ideas into successful, funded projects!
- **Limited Submission:** RDS oversees and coordinates the Limited Submission Proposal process. Many federal agencies and private foundations restrict the number of proposals an institution may submit for specific funding opportunities. Our office ensures a fair and



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transparent internal selection process while ensuring A&M submits the strongest possible application. To explore current limited submission opportunities and learn more about the process, please visit our [Limited Submission Webpage](#).  
Contact us at [limitedsubmissions@tamu.edu](mailto:limitedsubmissions@tamu.edu) for any questions or guidance.


- **Strategic Initiatives Events**

- **Advancing Research, Creativity, and Innovations through Private Sector Partnerships:**  
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## **National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Security Training Deadline - October 10, 2025**

Those researchers who will be submitting National Science Foundation (NSF) proposals on or after October 10, 2025 **are required to complete research security training PRIOR to proposal submission**. This applies to all senior/key personnel on the proposal. To meet this requirement, course [2114875 : Research Security Training \(Combined\)](#) is now available in TrainTraq and will meet this requirement; however, if you have previously taken all four National Science Foundation (NSF) training modules (TrainTraq courses 2114744 NSF Introduction to Research Security; 2114745 NSF The Importance of Disclosure; 2114746 NSF Manage & Mitigate Risk; and 2114747 NSF The Value of International Collaboration) within 12 months of proposal submission, please know that this will also meet NSF's training requirement.

Please also note that NSF requires proposers to maintain supporting documentation, including copies of contracts, grants, or any other agreements specific to foreign appointments, employment with a foreign institution, participation in a foreign talent recruitment program and other information reported as current and pending (other) support for all senior/key personnel and it must be made available to NSF upon request.

As a friendly reminder, research security training has already been required for Covered Individuals submitting Department of Energy (DOE) proposals on or after May 1, 2025.

More information regarding NSF's research security training requirement may be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to your respective compliance offices as follows:  
TAMU [exportcontrols@tamu.edu](mailto:exportcontrols@tamu.edu); TEES [researchcompliance@tees.tamus.edu](mailto:researchcompliance@tees.tamus.edu); or  
AgriLife [exportcontrols@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:exportcontrols@ag.tamu.edu).

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## HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTION PROGRAM UPDATES

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### Update to Institutional Review Board (IRB) Protocol Templates

As part of the Ancillary Review Working Group's efforts to enhance investigator awareness of research requirements managed by offices outside of the IRB and to improve research review timelines, the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) has updated IRB Protocol Templates.

The updated Biomedical, Social & Behavioral and Exempt protocol templates now ask specific questions about information technology use and related security measures as well as questions that provide greater detail about the access and use of student information governed by FERPA. The additional protocol sections are in an easy-to-use format designed to minimize the "back and forth" scenario that often occurs during the review process.

Please use the updated protocol templates to avoid unnecessary delays by clicking here [Templates – Division of Research](https://research.tamu.edu/research-compliance/human-research-protection-program/toolkit/templates/) or by typing this address in your browser: <https://research.tamu.edu/research-compliance/human-research-protection-program/toolkit/templates/>.

Additional information about the Ancillary Review Working Group's guidance materials will be coming soon.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Aliese Seawright at [a.seawright@tamu.edu](mailto:a.seawright@tamu.edu).

## ANIMAL WELFARE UPDATES

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### Focus on IACUC Guidelines - Updated Guidance for June-July 2025

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) guidance on procedural standards for animal activities is available on a wide variety of topics. Investigators are invited to view updated IACUC Guidance on genetically modified animals and genotyping (TAMU-G-007) and performing surgery in fish (TAMU-G-035). IACUC Guidance documents may be found on the Animal Program web page:

<https://research.tamu.edu/research-compliance/animals-in-research-and-teaching/iacuc-guidance/>.

Please contact the Animal Welfare Office at [animalcompliance@tamu.edu](mailto:animalcompliance@tamu.edu) or 979.845.1828 if you have questions or need assistance with implementing IACUC procedural standards.

### Animal Welfare Program Outreach to Departments and Colleges

The Animal Welfare Office welcomes the opportunity to speak at departmental or college faculty meetings on topics of interest related to the use of vertebrate animals. Do you have an area of special concern or want more information on a particular issue? Are you looking for ways to reduce your burden or streamline compliance obligations? Please contact the Animal Welfare Office at [animalcompliance@tamu.edu](mailto:animalcompliance@tamu.edu) or 979.845.1828 to discuss and schedule a presentation.

### OBSERVE Guidelines for In Vivo Cancer Studies

A consensus statement regarding Oncology Best-practices: Signs, Endpoints, and Refinements for in Vivo Experiments has been published in a recent issue of *Nature Protocols*. This statement addresses appropriate study design and animal welfare concerns related to in vivo cancer studies and provides a detailed treatise of the OBSERVE guidelines. The Animal Welfare Office is committed to facilitating the refinement of study methods to improve animal welfare. Researchers performing or considering in vivo cancer studies are invited to review the article (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41596-024-00998-w>) and contact the Animal Welfare Office at [animalcompliance@tamu.edu](mailto:animalcompliance@tamu.edu) or 979.845.1828 with any questions.



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## BIOSAFETY UPDATES

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### **Federal Requirement to Review Funded or Unfunded Research Activities or Collaborations Potentially Meeting the Definition of Dangerous Gain of Function**

On May 5, 2025 President Trump issued an Executive Order titled "Improving the Safety and Security of Biological Research," mandating stricter oversight of research that could increase the harmful potential of pathogens or toxins. In response, the NIH issued interim guidance confirming that policies, actions, and definitions from the Executive Order supersede the imminent implementation of NIH's 2024 DURC/PEPP policy. Institutions were required to proactively review ongoing research activities to identify any dangerous gain-of-function research not previously reported to NIH, and to immediately notify the relevant NIH Institute.

The Office of Biosafety, in coordination with the Institutional Biosafety Committee, has taken the following steps to ensure compliance with these requirements:

- All IBC-permitted PIs received a one-time TrainTraq assignment titled "Assessing Current Research for Compliance with the 2024 U.S. Policy on DURC and PEPP." While initially designed to ensure compliance with the 2024 DURC/PEPP Policy, this assessment was intentionally written to meet any expanded definitions in future policies and remains pertinent for verifying that research does not fall under prohibited categories.
- All assessments with affirmative answers were reviewed by the Office of Biosafety staff, and the PIs were contacted for clarification.
- The questions were integrated into the current IBC application, enabling both the PI and the Texas A&M IBC to conduct ongoing assessments of the research, as required by the federal government.
- We have completed the required review of ongoing research activities to identify any funded or unfunded projects or collaborations that meet or have the potential to meet the definition of dangerous gain-of-function research.

If you or your faculty or researchers receive any inquiries from federal agencies regarding activities falling under the oversight of the Institutional Biosafety Committee or the Institutional Review Entity, please contact Dr. Jessica Bourquin ([jrbourquin@tamu.edu](mailto:jrbourquin@tamu.edu)) or Ms. Susan Gater ([gaters@tamu.edu](mailto:gaters@tamu.edu)), so they can assist in ensuring compliance and a timely response.

- Dr. Jessica Bourquin is the Biosafety Officer; and
- Ms. Susan Gater is the Institutional Contact for Dual Use Research and Responsible Official for biological select agents and toxins.

### **New Requirement for Federally Funded Institutions When Purchasing Synthetic Nucleic Acids/Equipment**

The Texas A&M University IBC requires that all researchers order synthetic nucleic acids or purchase nucleic acid synthesis equipment exclusively from companies that screen for sequences of concern and potential misuse. This requirement is a preliminary step in response to the Presidential Executive Order "Improving the Safety and Security of Biological Research," which instructs agency heads funding life-sciences research to ensure that synthetic nucleic acid procurement is conducted through providers or manufacturers that adhere to defined screening mechanisms. A federal policy formalizing these requirements is expected within 90 days of the Executive Order, and compliance will be mandatory for institutions that receive federal research funding. Researchers can find a list of approved providers on the

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biosafety website. For questions or concerns, please contact biosafety program staff at [biosafety@tamu.edu](mailto:biosafety@tamu.edu).

### **Promoting Maximal Transparency Under the NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules**

On March 28, the NIH published an announcement that includes the following requirements that are designed to meet the transparency aims of the *NIH Guidelines*.

Effective June 1, 2025:

- The NIH Office of Science Policy (OSP) publicly posted the rosters of all active IBCs registered with OSP online. These rosters will include all members identified by name and role on the committee, plus email addresses for the IBC Chair, Biological Safety Officer, and IBC Contact.
- Approved meeting minutes from all IBC meetings occurring on or after this date must be posted publicly on an institutional website. Minutes are to be posted immediately after approval and once all appropriate and allowable redactions have been made.

The Office of Biosafety's website is being updated to include the required information. If you have questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact the Director of Biosafety, Dr. Jessica Bourquin at [jrbourquin@tamu.edu](mailto:jrbourquin@tamu.edu)

### **Export Controls – International Travel**

International travel requires specific considerations that may differ from domestic travel. If you plan to travel internationally on university business or with university property, please visit our [website](#) for more information on the export control requirements that must be met prior to your departure.

### **Division Of Research Website for Federal Transition Updates**

For the latest updates regarding Federal Transition please be sure to visit the Federal Transition webpage on the DOR website at: <https://research.tamu.edu/federal-administration-transition/>.

### **Research Bulletin for Principal Investigators**

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. To subscribe or unsubscribe to the Research Bulletin, email: [research-communications@tamu.edu](mailto:research-communications@tamu.edu).

### **Innovation and Commercialization at Texas A&M University**

Follow us on social media @TAMInnovation and [subscribe to our mailing list](#) to stay up to date on news and timely information related to innovation and commercialization at The Texas A&M University System.

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## Texas A&M High Performance Research Computing (HPRC)

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HPRC offers an ongoing series of short training courses for beginning, intermediate, and advanced researchers. These short courses are free of charge and available to any employee or student at Texas A&M.

Registration is required [here](#). (Prerequisites: current ACES account or HPRC account)

## University Libraries

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The University Libraries presents a series of online workshops in research-related subjects (such as managing citations, managing research data, searching databases, and publishing and copyright) for the Texas A&M community. Register [here](#).





# ADVANCED MANUFACTURING WEBINAR SERIES

ORAU and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) have partnered to bring ORAU's member universities a six-webinar series aimed at creating opportunities and partnerships between ORAU's members and NIST's 18 Manufacturing USA Institutes.

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**JULY 23**  
MATERIALS



**AUGUST 20**  
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**SEPTEMBER 17**  
ELECTRONIC



**OCTOBER 22**  
DIGITAL MANUFACTURING



**NOVEMBER 12**  
PROCESS DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY



**JANUARY 28**  
BIOMANUFACTURING







**IDP Workshop (Series of 3 Zoom sessions) 3:00-5:00 pm**

- **Monday, July 28**
- **Wednesday, July 30**
- **Friday, August 1**

An Individual Development Plan (IDP) provides a planning process that identifies both professional development needs and career objectives.

For more information please visit: [Research Development Plan](#)

Registration here: [IDP Registration](#)

**Postdoc Spotlight Series**

Building on the success of our spotlight campaign for postdocs at TAMU's satellite campuses, we're now highlighting the incredible research, unique journeys, and vibrant personalities of postdocs right here in the **College of Engineering**. This is your opportunity to share your story with the broader Aggie community!

**Meet & Greet - July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12-1 pm ILSB 1109**

Please join us for the first *Postdoctoral MEET & GREET Lunch* organized by the Texas A&M Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and Postdoctoral Association.

This is an informal, open office, in-person event that will be held in ILSB room 1109. Lunch will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, please visit: [Postdoctoral Meet & Greet](#)

**9th Annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium - Monday, September 15, 1-5 pm, MSC 2300**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Postdoctoral Research Symposium showcases the postdoctoral scholars' contributions to the research enterprise at Texas A&M. Postdoctoral scholars from across Texas A&M University will present their research during flash talks and poster presentations.

For more information, please visit: [Postdoctoral Research Symposium](#)

**Grant writing workshop - TBD (October 2025)**

The Proposal Development Workshop Series for Postdocs will create a learning community that will explore funding opportunities, grant writing tips, the proposal development process, and budget design.

**New Postdoctoral Orientation - TBD (November 2025, 1-5 pm)**

This Orientation is designed to help postdoctoral scholars jump-start their careers at Texas A&M by providing an overview of the university resources available to them. Invited speakers from campus offices supporting the postdoctoral scholars will provide short talks followed by Q&A. Even though this event targets new postdocs at Texas A&M, the information provided is useful for all postdocs.

**Texas A&M Postdoctoral Association – Fall Picnic - TBD (October 2025)**

Texas A&M University Postdoctoral Association will organize a family-friendly Fall Picnic. Lunch will be provided.

For more information about upcoming events and workshops, please visit: [Professional Development](#)

