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2025-2026 CPI roster: Chair — Jorge Alvarado, *Engineering* ● Vice-Chair — Laura Dague, *BUSH* ● Past Chair — Robin Page, *Nursing* ● *Agriculture & Life Sciences* — Giri Athrey, Rodolfo Cardoso, Courtney Daigle, Bruce Herbert, Sarah White-Springer, David Stelly* (*alt. for unexpired COALS seat) ● *AgriLife Extension* — Tim Hartmann, Justin Scheiner ● *AgriLife Research* — Anil Somenahally, Lee Tarpley, Qingwu Xue ● *Architecture* — Nathanael Rosenheim* (*alt. for M. Meyer) ● Arts & Sciences —Janet Bluemel, Rebecca Brooker, Jean-Luc Guermond, Wenshe Liu, Annmarie MacNamara, Theresa Morris, Georges Naufal* (*alt for M. Campbell) Henry Potter, David Powers ● *BUSH* — Laura Dague ● *Dentistry* — Sufang Liu ● *Education & Human Development* — Paul Hernandez, Rafael Lara-Alecia (*substitute for retired Gwen Webb) ● *Engineering* — Jorge Alvarado, Suman Chakravorty, Drew Hamilton, Tracy Hammond, Daniel Jiménez Xingmao 'Samuel' Ma, Shreya Raghavan, Jean Ragusa ● *Law* – Felix Mormann ● *Mays Business* — Katy Lane ● *Medicine* —Sanjukta Chakraborty, Shannon Glaser, Carl Gregory ●*Non-Academic Units* — Jonathan Kotinek ● *Nursing* — Robin Page ● *Performance, Visualization & Fine Arts* — Courtney Starrett ● *Pharmacy* — Dai Lu ● *Public Health* — Natalie Johnson ● *TAMU at Galveston* — Irfan Khan ● *TAMU at Qatar* — Jim Ji ● *TEES* — Keith Biggers, Nathan Tichenor ● *TTI* — Bahar Dadashova, Brianne Glover, James Kovar ● *University Libraries* — Margaret Foster ● *Veterinary Medicine* — Joe Arosh, Srividhya Iyer, Jamie Thompson

Update from Dr. Jorge Alvarado, 2025-2026 CPI Chair

December CPI News – The Council of Principal Investigators Executive Committee (CPI-EC) met on Wednesday, December 2, 2025. The meeting began with updates and information on the newly announcement Texas A&M University System Excellence Fund from Dr. Joe Elabd, Vice Chancellor for Research, The Texas A&M University System. Additional information and the Request for Proposals (RFPs) can be found at https://www.tamus.edu/research/research-excellence-fund/.

Discussions with Mr. Mario Rojo del Busto, Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs and Ms. Erin Pope, Director, Immigration Affairs were held regarding the Update on H-1B Petitions and Associated $100,000 Fee Memo, dated November 17, 2025. Several of the CPI Executive Committee members noted the memo might not have been circulated broadly enough to the PI community that serve on college/departmental search committees. Faculty Affairs and Immigration Affairs noted they are available if more questions arise. Any questions or concerns regarding H-1B visas or international hiring procedures can be directed to Immigration Affairs at immigration@tamu.edu.

Additional updates from other units were provided and more information will be coming out to the PI community.

All Principal Investigators are encouraged to share concerns or suggestions with their CPI representatives. To find your representative or all the new 2025-2026 representatives, visit the CPI Membership page:

2025-2026 Council Membership – Council of Principal Investigators

The CPI Executive Committee continues meet monthly with The TAMU President's Office, Provost Sams, the interim Vice President for Research, Dr. Costas Georghiades, and other Texas A&M and System leadership. PIs are welcome to submit research-related concerns or agenda topics to CPI@tamu.edu or to any CPI representative.

Recordings of past CPI General Meetings are available at: 2025-2026 General Meeting Schedule – Council of Principal Investigators

The next CPI General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Happy Holidays!

HOLIDAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

With holidays approaching, the Research Security & Export Controls office would like to remind travelers that ALL international travel for university business OR for personal travel that includes taking university owned equipment (such as a laptop) is required to be submitted for pre-approval through Emburse.

See International Travel – Division of Research for more information or contact exportcontrols@tamu.edu with questions.

Research Excellence Fund

The Research Excellence Fund was established Dec. 1 to elevate research capacity, competitiveness and impact across The Texas A&M University System. It will operate as a competitive, merit-based program, placing priority on collaboration among A&M System members.

Join SRS Leadership for Office Hours

Faculty and staff from outside SRS are invited to attend open office hours with SRS leadership. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, learn more about available resources, and engage directly with the SRS team.

When: Wednesday, December 17 at 8:00am until 9:00am
Where: SRS (400 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy, Suite 300)

Upcoming AnSRS4U presentation: Strategies for Engaging with Nonprofits and Foundations– Thursday January 22, from 10:00 to 11:00am via Zoom
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TAMU Sponsored Research Services (SRS) will host an AnSRS4U presentation, Strategies for Engaging with Nonprofits and Foundations– **Thursday January 22nd, from 10:00 to 11:00am via Zoom**.
In this AnSRS4U session Dr. Angela Seaworth of the Bush School Center for Nonprofits and Philanthropy   will discuss her experience working with nonprofits and foundations and provide tips on engaging with them.

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/voU1OtoJR5yaQf-StXynWw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

NIH's Requirement to Use SciENcv for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support for Due Dates on or after January 25, 2026

See the notice NIH NOT-OD-26-018 for full information and notable changes for the Biographical Sketch and the Current and Pending Support forms: NOT-OD-26-018: NIHs Implementation of Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support for Due Dates on or after January 25, 2026

Use of the Common Forms via SciENcv for Biographical Sketch, Current and Pending (Other) Support and NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement will be required for application due dates and all JIT, RPPR, and Prior Approval submissions on or after **January 25, 2026**.

Note: NIH will enforce the use of the Common Forms via eRA system validations immediately as a warning when the wrong form is used. By February 6, 2026, the warning will be elevated into an error preventing submission of the incorrect or uncertified forms. Failure to utilize the correct forms during the timeframes specified in the table below will cause NIH to withdraw your application from consideration.

Availability of Forms and Instructions:
NIH anticipates finalizing the templates in SciENcv for Common Forms, the NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement and associated instructions the week of December 15, 2025.

NIH Removal of Requirements for Preapproval for Unsolicited Applications Requesting $500,000 or More in Direct Costs in Any One Budget Period
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NOT-OD-26-019   December 3, 2025

Effective immediately, NIH will no longer require applicants requesting $500,000 or more in direct costs (excluding consortium F&A costs) in any one budget period to contact the funding Institute or Center (IC) before application submission. In line with this change, applicants are no longer required to include a cover letter identifying the Program Official contact which notes that the IC has agreed to accept assignment of the application.

Upcoming AnSRS4U presentation: Strategies for Engaging with Industry: from Small Businesses to Global Companies – Thursday February 19, 2026 via Zoom
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TAMU Sponsored Research Services (SRS) will host an AnSRS4U presentation, **Strategies for Engaging with Industry: from Small Businesses to Global Companies** – **Thursday February 19, from 10:00 to 11:00am via Zoom.**

In this AnSRS4U session we will have a panel of three faculty (Drs. Cote, Haridas, and Sasangohar) that have started companies, worked with companies, and worked in companies, both large and small. They will discuss their experiences and provide some tips on engaging with companies including articulating the benefits, managing the expectations, and understanding the potential pitfalls.

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/1P6JQuekTYmy1OPcCUxa6g

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Strategic Initiatives and Research Development Services

Research Development Services
- **Update: Beta Testers Needed for New External Funding Website and Newsletter:** Research Development Services (RDS) is launching the next phase of its new curated funding search website, powered by PivotRP, a resource designed to help Texas A&M faculty more efficiently discover external funding opportunities tailored to their research interests. The site offers discipline-based, real-time funding lists, automated alerts, improved navigation tools, and access to a weekly newsletter highlighting new opportunities. As part of the rollout, RDS is seeking volunteer beta testers to explore the site, evaluate usability, test navigation tools and "How-To" resources, review search categories and newsletter content, and provide feedback to refine the platform before its January community-wide release. Faculty and staff interested in shaping this new resource are encouraged to complete the interest form and share the opportunity with colleagues.

- **Spring 2026 Faculty Seminars & Workshops** flyer attached to the back of this newsletter.

- **2026 Education & Outreach Expo** on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 (https://u.tamu.edu/2026EXPO) Flyer is attached at the back of this newsletter.

Responsible Conduct of Research

As outlined in [University SAP 15.99.99.M0.04](#), RCR training is required for students and postdocs participating in research. **Please note that it is the responsibility of each College/School (with support/information from individual PIs) to ensure that all students and postdoctoral researchers associated with them are compliant with the RCR training requirements.**

RCR College Reports were sent out the week of December 3 – this is an excellent time to ensure your students and postdocs have completed their required RCR training.

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:

- January 8, 2026 (10:00am-2:30pm) - [RCR Face-to-Face Training](#) (In Person – must attend all 4 hours) – Includes Research Data Management, Research Security, Safe Research Environments, and Research Misconduct, Authorship & Peer Review
- January 29, 2026 (12:00pm-1:00pm) – [RCR Scientific Ethics](#) (In Person)
- February 11, 2026 (10:00am-11:00am) – [RCR Animal Welfare](#) (Virtual)
- March 18, 2026 (10:00am-11:00am) – [RCR Collaborative Research; Conflict of Interest; Conflict of Commitment](#) (Virtual)
- April 8, 2026 (10:00am-11:00am) – [RCR Export Controls](#) (Virtual)

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](#) for more information.

NSF RCR Training Requirement Updates

On June 30, 2025, the NSF published Important Notice No. 149: Updates to NSF Research Security Policies which updated the training requirements for Responsible and Ethical Research Training to include Export Controls and Research Security training. Individuals participating on or paid by NSF funded projects are required to complete online CITI RCR training, as well as TrainTraq courses 2111212 (Export Controls) and 2114875 (Research Security) to meet NSF RCR training requirements. This requirement became effective December 2, 2025. Contact [RCR@tamu.edu](#) with any questions.

Huron COI Tip: High Risk Activities & Pre-Approval Requests – (2nd reminder)

Many activities that involve individuals who are affiliated with entities located in countries that are considered high risk fall under [System Regulation 15.05.04](#) and require additional review and approval. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

Entities on the Risk-Based-List.xlsx are located in the Countries of Concern and are subject to at least one U.S. government restricted list. Colloborations with these entities are likely to be denied. Note that the list is subject to change at any time.

Submitting a Pre-Approval Request (PAR) in the Huron system is often the way to initiate an activity that falls under this System Regulation. (Activities that are submitted through other systems of record such as MAESTRO and EMBURSE do not usually require an additional PAR.) Information on how to submit a PAR can be found here Disclosure Process in Huron – Division of Research.

If you have any questions, please contact coi@tamu.edu.

Keeping Your Disclosure Profile and Pre-Approval Request Information Up to Date in Huron
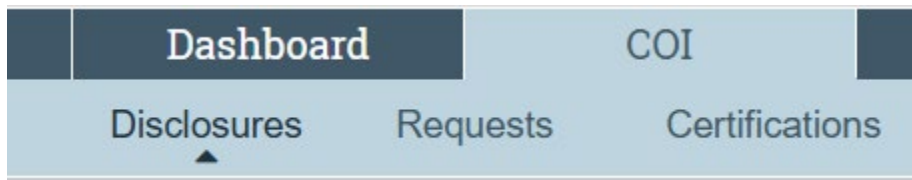---

Keeping your Disclosure Profile and Pre-Approval Request information up to date in Huron can assist in expediting reviews.

- Information on the Disclosure Profile's Entity Disclosure Table should reflect the previous twelve-months. Once the disclosure falls out of that lookback period, it can and should be removed from the Table, so that reviewers are only looking at the most recent and relevant information. Huron will save the entry, but it will not be displayed on the forward-facing version of the Disclosure Profile.
- Pre-Approval Requests must be updated annually. If an activity is discontinued, the request documentation should be marked complete. Any compensation etc. that is received from the pre-approved activity should remain on the Entity Table for one year. If the activity will continue, then a new Pre-Approval Request should replace the old one.

*NOTE: Pre-Approval Requests for High-Risk Global Engagements and International Collaborations should remain on the Disclosure Profile for the lifetime of the activity.

To remove items from your Disclosure Profile:
- Navigate to your Workspace

- "Edit Disclosure Profile"

- On the Entity disclosures list, locate any entry that did not occur within the last year and select the blue "x"

2. Entity disclosures:

	Entity	Foreign Entity?	Publicly Traded?	Relation to Discloser	Disclosure Types	Total Value	Total Time Commitment (Days)	Last Modified	
✏ Update		No	No	Self	Editorial Services	$4,800.00	24	1/29/202	⊗
✏ Update		No	No	Self	Intellectual Property Rights	$200.00	0	1/29/2025	⊗

- On the Approved requests list, locate any entry that is discontinued and "Mark Complete"

3. Approved requests:

Request	Request Type	Entity	Foreign Entity?	Start Date	End Date	Approval Date	Review Group	Applied to Disclosures
	Consulting Activity and other Professional Services		No	9/1/2022	8/31/2023	7/18/2023	Texas A&M University	Mark Complete

ℹ Requests marked as completed will be removed from this listing when a profile update is completed.

Please feel free to contact coi@tamu.edu with any questions.

System Regulation 15.05.04 High Risk Global Engagements and High-Risk International Collaborations

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Please note System Regulation 15.05.04 was updated November 4, 2025. The corresponding University Rule updates are currently in process; however, a few items to note are included below:

- Professional travel to Countries of Concern (COC) has been removed as a general prohibition. Please remember any professional travel to a country of concern will continue to require prior approval.
- Activities involving an entity in Russia will no longer be an automatic denial and will now go through the 15.05.04 prior approval process.
- New requirement that requires all institutional gifts from a Country of Concern to be reviewed pursuant to 15.05.04.
- Note edits to definitions include:
  - Foreign Persons – edited to also include "foreign source" pursuant to Texas Education Code Section 3, Subtitle A, Chapter 51B.
  - High Risk International Collaborations – edited to include professional travel to a Country of Concern.

Please contact exportcontrols@tamu.edu with any questions.

HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTION PROGRAM UPDATES

Updated Process for making Personnel Changes to Approved Studies
The process for submitting personnel changes to an approved study in Huron has been updated. A revised IRB study protocol is now required alongside the personnel change request to support any modification to study personnel. Revising the protocol is necessary to ensure consistency between the study protocol and the Huron IRB application.

Detailed instructions can be found on the HRPP website at Personnel Change Request Step by Step Guidance (https://research.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Personnel-Change-Request.pdf). Following these steps will help investigators avoid processing delays. Please contact Denise Puga at denisepuga@tamu.edu if you have any questions about processing personnel changes.

Reminder to use the Aggie Research Volunteers (ARV) Recruitment Platform.
The AVR platform is a great choice for Texas A&M investigators searching for more ways to reach research volunteers. Whether you are conducting clinical studies, online surveys, behavioral experiments or other research activities, Aggie Research Volunteers provides a platform to connect investigators with potential participants from the campus and surrounding communities.

Interested researchers may post studies on the platform by completing the ARV Recruitment Website Submission Form as part of their overall recruitment plan provided to the IRB. Complete instructions can be found by visiting the Human Research Protection Program website at https://research.tamu.edu/story/aggie-research-volunteers-recruitment/ or by contacting Ross Jarvis at r-jarvis@tamu.edu.

ANIMAL WELFARE UPDATES

Informational Course Available - Guidelines on the Use of Anesthesia and Analgesia
The Animal Welfare Office's presentation *TAMU-G-002: Guidelines on the Use of Anesthesia and Analgesia* is now live in TrainTraq! The course number is 2114976. The direct link to the course is https://apps1.system.tamus.edu/Traintraq/web/CourseDetails.aspx?cnum=2114976. New and experienced researchers and personnel are invited to access the course for detailed information about IACUC-approved best practices in the selection and administration of anesthesia and analgesia for use in animal research.

Focus on IACUC Guidelines - New Guidance for Fall 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 newly-approved IACUC Guidance on the testing of biologic materials administered to rodents (TAMU-G-043). 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 or 979.845.1828 if you have questions or need assistance with implementing IACUC procedural standards.

Focus on IACUC Guidelines - Updated Guidance for October-November 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 blood collection (TAMU-G-017) and survival surgical procedures in non-rodent mammals (TAMU-G-018). 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 or 979.845.1828 if you have questions or need assistance with implementing IACUC procedural standards.

BIOSAFETY UPDATES

Planning a Field Release of Transgenic Plant Materials? Here's What You Need to Know
Principal Investigators conducting field trials with transgenic plant materials must comply with both USDA APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) requirements and Texas A&M University protocols. These safeguards ensure environmental safety, regulatory compliance, and institutional accountability.

USDA Requirements
Before initiating a field release, researchers must:
- Obtain a **USDA APHIS BRS permit or notification** (https://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/biotechnology-permits-notifications) authorizing the release of genetically engineered organisms.
- Comply with all terms and conditions outlined in the permit, including containment, monitoring, and reporting obligations.
- Maintain records and ensure all personnel involved understand and follow USDA restrictions.

Texas A&M Requirements
To align with institutional policies, PIs must:
- Complete the **AG-719 Transgenic Field Trial Certification Form** (https://agrilifeas.tamu.edu/documents/ag-719.pdf/) , which affirms compliance with USDA permits and university agreements.
- Attach a copy of the USDA permit or notification to the form.
- Submit the form with any Task Order or Service Agreement involving transgenic field trials.
- Ensure all participating faculty, staff, students, and visiting scholars are trained on the applicable requirements.
- Address any export control considerations before involving international collaborators.

The form also requires signatures from the PI and their unit/department head and is reviewed by AgriLife Risk and Compliance and the Office of Biosafety.

Why It Matters
Field releases of transgenic materials are subject to federal oversight and public scrutiny. Proper documentation and adherence to protocols protect your research, uphold institutional integrity, and support Texas A&M's leadership in agricultural biotechnology.

For assistance with USDA BRS permits or completing the AG-719 form, contact the Office of Biosafety at biosafety@tamu.edu.

Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

The Texas A&M Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is offering a series of opportunities for Postdoctoral Researchers. For additional information regarding the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, visit their website https://research.tamu.edu/research-support/office-of-postdoctoral-affairs/. The list of Postdoctoral Scholars Upcoming Events can be found at the back of the newsletter.

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

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/.

AnSRS4u Available on Demand: A Sponsored Project is Being Awarded as a PI What Do You Need to Know? – (2nd Reminder)

This session is designed to help Principal Investigators and research staff understand the responsibilities involved in administering externally funded projects. Whether you are a Principal Investigator, Co-Investigator, or supporting staff, this training will walk you through what happens when a sponsored award is received and fully executed. This presentation will offer guidance on how to keep your project running smoothly. Presented by Amanda Stearns of Sponsored Research Services and Modesta Molina of the College of Education.

You have the opportunity to watch it on demand via the SRS website at [AnSRS4U – Sponsored Research Services (tamu.edu)]()

NIH Will Stop Posting Notices of Funding Opportunities in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts in FY2026 – (2nd Reminder)

NOT-OD-25-143 Notice informs the extramural community that, beginning in fiscal year 2026, NIH will no longer post NOFOs in the NIH Guide. **Grants.gov** will serve as NIH's single official source for grant and cooperative agreement funding opportunities. The NIH Guide will continue to be used for policy and informational notices.

What to Expect in FY2026

- NIH NOFOs will no longer be accessible from the NIH Guide.

- All NIH NOFOs (expired and active) will remain searchable on Grants.gov using their [Classic search]() or their new [Simpler search]().

- NOFOs will no longer be included in the weekly [NIH Guide Table of Contents subscription]() emails. **You can use [Grants.gov subscription services]() to receive notifications of new NIH funding opportunities.**

- NIH will continue to provide tools in the [Funding]() section of [NIH Grants & Funding]() to identify potential funding categories, topics, and opportunities you may be interested in. Any funding opportunity identified through our site will link to Grants.gov for the official opportunity posting.

Launch of ResearchData@TAMU Research Data Catalog – (2nd Reminder)

Showcase Your Research. Enhance Discoverability. Strengthen Compliance.

Dear Texas A&M Research Community,

We're excited to announce that **ResearchData@TAMU, the Research Data Catalog** is now live! Introduced at the October CPI meeting, this powerful new tool—developed in partnership between the **Office of the Vice President for Research** and the **University Libraries**—shines a spotlight on the incredible research taking place across our university.

The catalog is designed to **boost the visibility** of completed research projects, **facilitate collaboration**, and **strengthen compliance** with federal and institutional data sharing requirements. It centralizes key metadata about closed research projects making it easier for others to discover your work through improved search engine visibility and integration with your **Scholars@TAMU** profile.

What's Next?

In this first phase, we're focusing on **federally sponsored TAMU research projects**. Our team of expert Research Librarians will reach out to PIs on projects completed between **2021 and 2025** to help you:

- Verify and enrich your project details (pulled from Maestro).

- Add strategic keywords to improve discoverability.

- Optimize your Scholars@TAMU profile for greater impact!

- Report where your final research datasets are stored — *a required step in meeting federal and institutional data stewardship requirements.*

New Maestro Research Data Deliverable - Effective December 1, 2025

To further streamline **Research Data Management and Sharing (DMS)** compliance, a **new Research Data Deliverable** will be implemented in **Maestro** for all new **TAMU Federal Awards**, beginning **December 1, 2025**.

- **Due Date:** Aligned with submission of the **final financial report**

- **Deliverable Content:** Key details about your dataset—its title, description, storage location, access details, and security measures.

This new deliverable ensures the university can effectively track where final research data are stored and verify compliance with institutional and federal retention and sharing requirements.

How You Can Participate

Watch for an email from your **Research Librarian** and take a few minutes to work with them on your project metadata and to share where your final research datasets are stored.

Together, we can make **ResearchData@TAMU** a foundational resource that reflects the depth, quality, and excellence of Texas A&M research.

For questions, contact **Leslie Krueger, Director of Research Data**, at **lkrueger@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.

Executive Order GA-48 – (Year-End & Final Reminder Notice)

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 employees, critical infrastructure, and sensitive information from access by foreign entities deemed to pose significant risks to the state. Currently, this applies to the following countries: 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, as well as a personal travel notification requirement and the establishment of minimum qualifications for critical infrastructure positions. For more information, please visit the Division of Risk, Ethics and Compliance website.

Hagler Institute for Advanced Study

The Hagler Institute publishes a newsletter several times per year. Newsletters highlight accomplishments of Hagler Fellows and provide updates about institute activities and plans. The current and previous newsletter issues can be found at Hagler Institute Newsletters – Hagler Institute for Advanced Study. To sign-up for our newsletter, please email your request to **hias@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.

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.

Texas A&M High Performance Research Computing (HPRC)

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

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](#).

Implementation Update: Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support – (2ⁿᵈ Reminder)

- NIH's adoption of the Common Forms (originally scheduled for May 25, 2025) will go into effect January 25, 2026.

- On or before September 15,NIH will launch preview versions of the NIH Common Forms within SciENcv (NOT-OD-25-152):

    - These "preview forms" are not final or official versions but are meant to provide users with the opportunity to view the new system functionality and instructions.
    - Data entered in these preview forms will be deleted and no longer accessible when the official NIH Common Forms become available (anticipated November 2025).

REMINDER: Continue to use NIH-specific format pages. Failure to use the required forms or format pages may cause NIH to withdraw your application from consideration.
For more information see [(PREVIEW) Current and Pending (Other) Support (CPOS) Common Form | Grants & Funding](#)

NIH Limits Number of Applications per Principal Investigator Per Calendar Year – (2ⁿᵈ Reminder)

NIH has issued NOT-OD-25-132, **Supporting Fairness and Originality in NIH Research Applications** This policy is effective for applications submitted to the **September 25, 2025, receipt date and beyond.** NIH is providing guidance to researchers on the appropriate usage of artificial intelligence (AI) to maintain the fairness and originality of NIH's research application process. **NIH is also instituting a new policy limiting the number of applications that NIH will consider per Principal Investigator per calendar year.**

Policy: NIH will not consider applications that are either substantially developed by AI, or contain sections substantially developed by AI, to be original ideas of applicants. If the detection of AI is identified post award, NIH may refer the matter to the Office of Research Integrity to determine whether there is

research misconduct while simultaneously taking [enforcement action](s) including but not limited to disallowing costs, withholding future awards, wholly or in part suspending the grant, and possible termination.

==NIH will only accept **six** new, renewal, resubmission, or revision applications from an individual Principal Investigator/Program Director or Multiple Principal Investigator for all council rounds in a calendar year.==

This policy applies to all activity codes except T activity codes and R13 Conference Grant Applications. Based on recent data, this limit will affect a relatively small number of Principal Investigators while enabling the NIH to maintain consistently high-quality grant application review and appropriately steward taxpayer dollars.

RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES Brings You:

2026 EDUCATION & OUTREACH EXPO

This interactive networking event will give attendees an opportunity to explore among 30+ campus programs with representatives poised to collaborate on the educational and outreach aspects of their proposals, especially as relates to the National Science Foundation's Broader Impacts review criterion.

The list of programs participating, each including a video introduction, slide, and text description, will be provided before the event to registered attendees to review in planning their time at the Expo.

All faculty are invited to attend.
The event is free, but please register below to help with our planning.

REGISTER HERE!

https://u.tamu.edu/2026EXPO

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
RUDDER TOWER EXHIBIT HALL

Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton
RDS Associate Director
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DIVISION OF RESEARCH
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Annually RDS hosts opportunities for the Texas A&M Research Community to increase their knowledge and skills in research proposal development to federal funding agencies. Academic Year 25-26 Professional Development opportunities are offered in in-person and virtual formats. Registration is required for BOTH types of events. Virtual events will supply Zoom links upon registration. These events are for all faculty. Offerings of professional development for postdocs and graduate students are listed on their organizational webpages.

National Science Foundation (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER)

CAREER: Writing Groups Kick-Off
January 29, 2026, 9:00-10:00 am, Virtual
This meeting is to familiarize faculty with the goals and organization of the TAMU NSF CAREER proposal peer writing groups, including resource materials, Q&A session, and scheduling of writing meetings for February – May. The groups will then meet bi-weekly going through the entire preparation process of their CAREER proposal with peer review and input as they write each section of their CAREER proposals.
Presenter: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

REGISTER

CAREER: The Education Plan
March 3, 2025, 12:00 – 1:30 pm (lunch provided), MSC 2402
This working lunch session will begin with discussion of education goals and objectives, creating quantifiable metrics and specific plans for success, integration of research and education, leveraging Texas A&M's HSI status, and examples of good and bad education objectives. Bring ideas for your education plan and explore campus programs you can leverage in your plan development.
Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

REGISTER

Broader Research Impacts

Broader Impacts 101
January 21, 2026, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, Virtual
Come to gain a better understanding for and transform the way you think about the National Science Foundation's Broader Impacts review criterion and learn where to go for broader impacts resources on campus and how to create a broader impacts plan. (Same content as October 28, 2024, in-person event)
Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

REGISTER

Education and Outreach Expo
February 24, 2026, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, MSC Exhibit Hall
Presentation and Expo
This interactive networking event will start with faculty viewing on-line introductions to 20+ campus representatives in programs that faculty can collaborate on the education and outreach aspects of their NSF proposals. Then, at the expo, attendees will have opportunity to network with these campus program representatives. All faculty are invited to attend.
Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

REGISTER

National Institute of Health (NIH)

Master the R-Series Bootcamp
Preparing to write your first R01 or R-series submission, or the first in a while? Unsuccessful at NIH? Need help staying on schedule? This bootcamp will help you write a sophisticated, polished narrative that is responsive to the latest NIH trends and policies, raising your general grantsmanship skill and make your federal submissions

Presenter: Dr. Meg Bouvier, Bouvier Grant Group
Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

Spring Series (Virtual)   **REGISTER**
- **Chapter 1: Preparation,** *Feb 17, 2026, Time 11:00am-1:00pm*
- **Chapter 2: Specific Aims,** *Feb 24, 2026, Time 11:00am-1:00pm*
- **Chapter 3: Importance of the Research,** *Mar 3, 2026, Time 11:00-1:00pm*
- **Chapter 4: Rigor & Feasibility,** *Mar 10, 2026, Time 11:00am-1:00pm*

Summer Series (Virtual)
- **Chapter 1: Preparation,** *June 2026, Time TBD*
- **Chapter 2: Specific Aims,** *June 2026, Time TBD*
- **Chapter 3: Importance of the Research,** *June 2026, Time TBD*
- **Chapter 4: Rigor & Feasibility,** *June 2026, Time TBD*

Writing Successful Proposals Series

Writing Successful Proposals Series
A three-part seminar designed to offer faculty an overview of strategic proposal design and best practices to create a competitive research proposal to any agency or program. Applicable to all disciplines. Early Career and Retooling faculty are invited to attend. **This is a multi-part series. Attend any session – no sequential attendance required.**
Presenter: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

Spring Series (Virtual)
- **Part 1: Funding Opportunities**   **REGISTER**
  March 18, 2026, 1:30 – 3:00pm
- **Part 2: Proposal Development Process**   **REGISTER**
  March 25, 2026, 1:30 – 3:00pm
- **Part 3: Grantsmanship & Writing the Proposal**   **REGISTER**
  April 1, 2026, 1:30 – 3:00pm

Young Investigator Programs

Introduction to Young Investigator Programs and Faculty Fellowships
February 10, 2026, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Virtual
Programs targeting young investigators provide an opportunity for assistant professors to compete among equals, often for prestigious awards. Faculty Fellowships can help prepare faculty for successfully competing for these awards. This event will discuss advantages and strategies in applying to these young investigator programs and faculty fellowships. Details and best practices for applying to programs at federal agencies and foundations will include Department of Defense, National Institutes of Health, and NASA, as well as the Gulf Research Program and American Chemical Society.
Contact: Dr. Laurie Garton, RDS Associate Director

REGISTER

Texas A&M University
Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
Postdoctoral Scholars Upcoming Events

December 2025

When	Where	Event Description
Wednesday, 12/10/2025 3-4:30 pm	Zoom	Supporting Well-Being
Wednesday, 12/17/2025 3-4:30 pm	Zoom	Enhancing Work-Life Integration

January 2026

When	Where	Event Description
Wednesday, 1/14/2026, 3-5 pm	Zoom	Strategizing the Postdoc Career Transition Beyond Academia
Wednesday, 1/21/2026 3-4 pm	Zoom	Stress Reset: How to manage it!

February 2026

When	Where	Event Description
Wednesday, 2/04/2026, 3-4 pm	Zoom	US Immigration and Employment Options for International Postdocs
Wednesday, 2/11/2026 3-4:30 pm	Zoom	Tips for directing a research laboratory

March 2026

When	Where	Event Description
Wednesday, 3/04/2026 3:30-5 pm	Zoom	Difficult conversations
Friday, 3/06/2026 10am-12pm	Rudder 301	Future Faculty Fellowship (F3) Workshop
Wednesday, 3/19/2026 1-5 pm	Rudder	New Postdoctoral Orientation

Texas A&M University
Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

April 2026

When	Where	Event Description
Postdoctoral Mentoring Academy CERTIFICATE		
Thursday, 4/02/2026, 3:30-5:30 pm	Zoom	Fostering Independence
Tuesday, 4/07/2026, 3:30-5 pm	Zoom	Aligning Expectations
Thursday, 4/09/2026, 3:30-5 pm	Zoom	Assessing Understanding
Tuesday, 4/14/2026, 3:30-5 pm	Zoom	Maintaining Effective Communication
Thursday, 4/16/2026, 3:30-5 pm	Zoom	Promoting Professional Development
Tuesday, 4/21/2026, 3:30-5 pm	Zoom	Well-being Competency - TBD
Thursday, 4/23/2026, 3:30-5 pm	Zoom	Capstone: Articulating your Mentoring Philosophy and Plan
Saturday, Date TBD 12-2pm	Bee Creek Park	Texas A&M Postdoctoral Association Spring Picnic

May 2026

When	Where	Event Description
Wednesday, 5/13/2026 3-4:30 pm	Zoom	Introduction to grant budgets
Wednesday, 5/27/2026 3-4 pm	Zoom	Navigating Threats to Research Integrity

June 2026

When	Where	Event Description
Wednesday, 6/24/2026, 3-5pm	TBD (in person)	Life at A&M Workshop – Traditions and Practical Skills

Postdoc Calendar: https://u.tamu.edu/PDA-Calendar