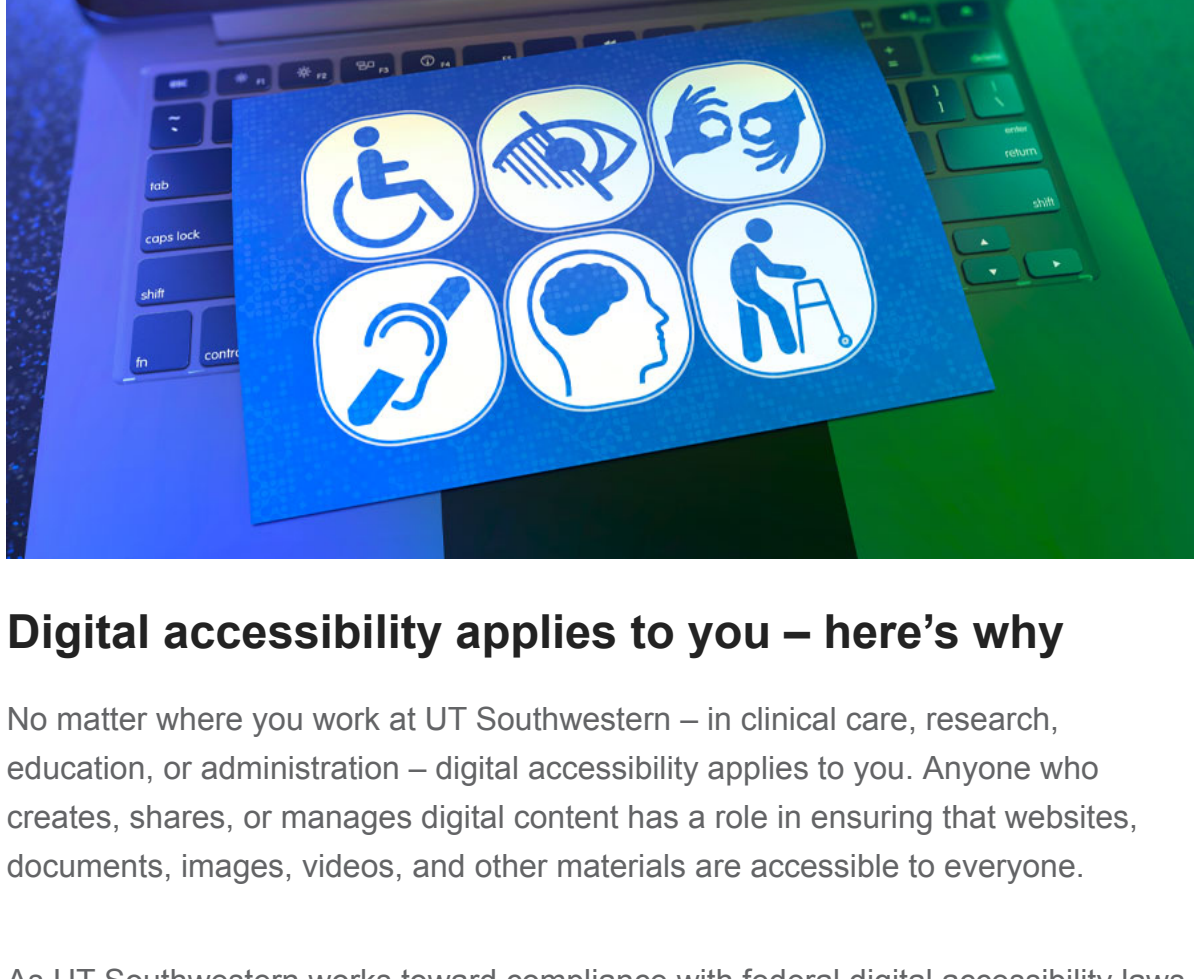




Digital accessibility applies to you – here’s why

No matter where you work at UT Southwestern – in clinical care, research, education, or administration – digital accessibility applies to you. Anyone who creates, shares, or manages digital content has a role in ensuring that websites, documents, images, videos, and other materials are accessible to everyone.

As UT Southwestern works toward compliance with federal digital accessibility laws taking effect next year, it is important to consider the needs behind those requirements. Disabilities and impairments exist along a broad spectrum, and individuals may experience them differently. Two common examples are visual impairment and cognitive or learning disabilities.

Visual impairment

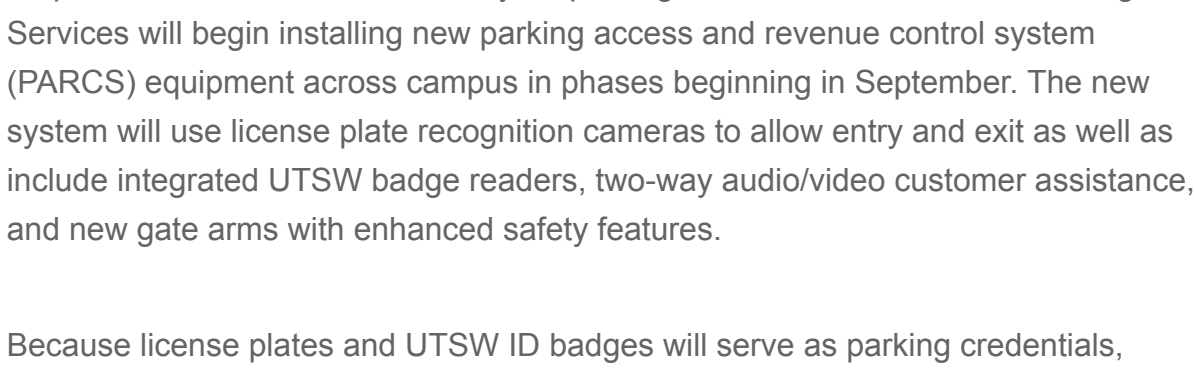
Individuals who are blind may use a screen reader to interpret visual information on a website or mobile app. When an image on a website provides critical information but does not include text describing the image (called “alternative text” or “alt text”) for the screen reader to announce to the user, they may have no way of knowing what is in the image. Therefore, the use of alt text is required.

Cognitive/learning issues

Users with dyslexia may have difficulty reading and understanding text, so web content should use clear and concise language, avoid complex sentence structures, and offer alternative ways to access information, such as audio recordings or videos. People with ADHD may have difficulty focusing on tasks or navigating complex interfaces, and websites designed with a clear hierarchy, minimal distractions, and options for customization are helpful for these users.

Learn more about the needs of people with disabilities and find guidance to help make the digital content you create more accessible.

[Find accessibility guidance](#)

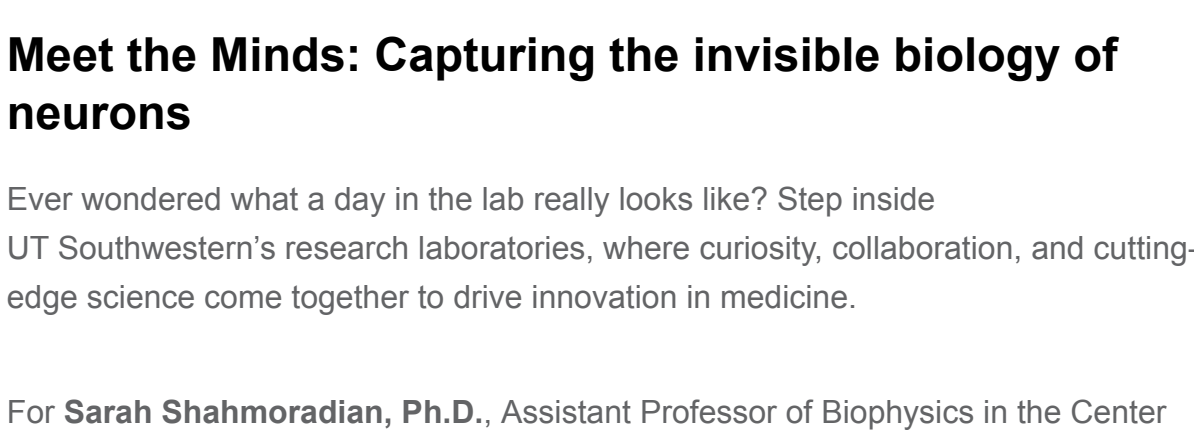


New parking access system coming soon

As part of UT Southwestern’s multiyear parking modernization initiative, Parking Services will begin installing new parking access and revenue control system (PARCS) equipment across campus in phases beginning in September. The new system will use license plate recognition cameras to allow entry and exit as well as include integrated UTSW badge readers, two-way audio/video customer assistance, and new gate arms with enhanced safety features.

Because license plates and UTSW ID badges will serve as parking credentials, please confirm that your vehicle license plate is correctly registered in the [Parking Portal](#); verify that your UTSW ID badge is active; and update your vehicle information if it has changed. See more details on the Parking Services PARCS FAQ page by clicking the button below.

[PARCS FAQ](#)



Meet the Minds: Capturing the invisible biology of neurons

Ever wondered what a day in the lab really looks like? Step inside UT Southwestern’s research laboratories, where curiosity, collaboration, and cutting-edge science come together to drive innovation in medicine.

For **Sarah Shahmoradian, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Biophysics in the Center for Alzheimer’s and Neurodegenerative Diseases, a day in the lab means peering into the hidden world of brain cells to understand how they work. Using advanced cryo-electron microscopy and tomography techniques, her research provides a detailed view of the molecular and cellular changes associated with conditions such as Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s disease.

By visualizing cellular structures at the molecular level, Dr. Shahmoradian and her team are uncovering how normal cellular processes begin to break down during disease. Their work aims to identify the initial signs of dysfunction, opening the door to earlier diagnoses and more effective therapies.

Meet the innovators behind the breakthroughs and experience the energy, creativity, and dedication that power discovery at UT Southwestern.

[See research in action](#)



New research center set to explore treatments for Alzheimer’s

The new [North Texas Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center \(NT-ADRC\)](#) at UT Southwestern is bringing together experts from UTSW, UT Dallas, and UT Arlington to accelerate discoveries in Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. One of just two National Institute on Aging-funded ADRCs in Texas, the Center is focused on advancing research, fostering collaboration, and expanding education for researchers, clinicians, learners, and caregivers.

Led by **Pedro Rosa-Neto, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor in the Peter O’Donnell Jr. Brain Institute and of Neurology and Radiology, the NT-ADRC is already investigating key factors that may contribute to dementia, including high blood pressure and other cardiometabolic conditions, while also conducting clinical trials aimed at developing new treatments.

Backed by a five-year award expected to total \$23 million, the Center builds on North Texas’ long-standing strengths in Alzheimer’s research and patient care, creating new opportunities to improve outcomes for patients and families affected by dementia.

[Discover how researchers are tackling dementia](#)



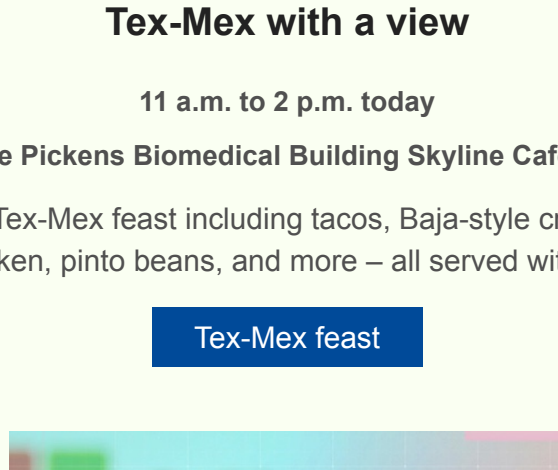
Help fight ovarian cancer

Join the UTSW Simmons Cancer Center team for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) Together in TEAL walk/run, a meaningful event that brings communities together in support of those affected by ovarian cancer.

On Sept. 26, 7-11 a.m., participants will raise awareness, celebrate survivors, and advance the NOCC’s mission through education, research, and support. Whether you’re walking, running, or cheering on your colleagues, your involvement helps make a meaningful difference.

[Join the team](#)

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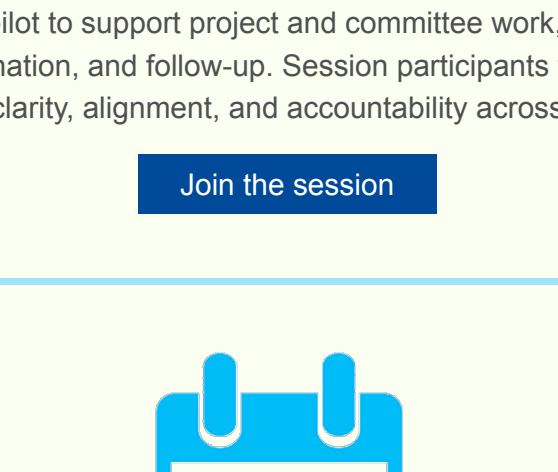
Tex-Mex with a view

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today

T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Building Skyline Café (ND.14)

Enjoy a flavorful Tex-Mex feast including tacos, Baja-style crispy beer-battered tilapia, Yucatan chicken, pinto beans, and more – all served with a view from ND.14.

[Tex-Mex feast](#)



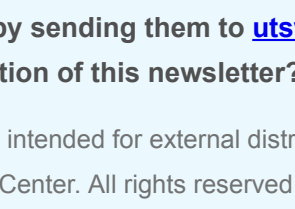
Use Copilot to lead a project or committee

Noon to 1 p.m., Sept. 8

Virtual

Use Microsoft Copilot to support project and committee work, including planning, communication, coordination, and follow-up. Session participants will explore ways Copilot can help improve clarity, alignment, and accountability across collaborative work.

[Join the session](#)



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[View upcoming or trending events](#)

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