

ACADEMIC CONNECTIONS



Apply for ARPA-H Federal Research Funding

The [Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health \(ARPA-H\)](#) is a new federal research funding agency that supports bold and transformative biomedical and health science breakthroughs that cannot readily be accomplished through traditional research or commercial activity. The agency has a budget of \$1.5 billion of research funding that needs to be awarded in the next two years.

Currently, there are two ways for investigators to obtain ARPA-H funding:

1. **Apply through the [Broad Agency Announcement \(BAA\)](#)** by March 14.
2. **Respond to one of the [posted research programs](#)** already launched by ARPA-H.

The new federal agency has a customer experience hub in Dallas that will connect providers, researchers, performers, and patients locally, regionally, and across the country. Key ARPA-H Program Managers will have offices at Pegasus Park, and there is potential for us to establish direct working relationships.

ARPA-H has a robust online presence that includes [frequently asked questions](#). If you would like to proceed with a proposal, please contact [Eric Peterson, M.D., M.P.H.](#), or [Joan Conaway, Ph.D.](#), who will provide information regarding the institutional coordination needed for this new type of agency award.

Information Session

Jan. 17 at 2 p.m.

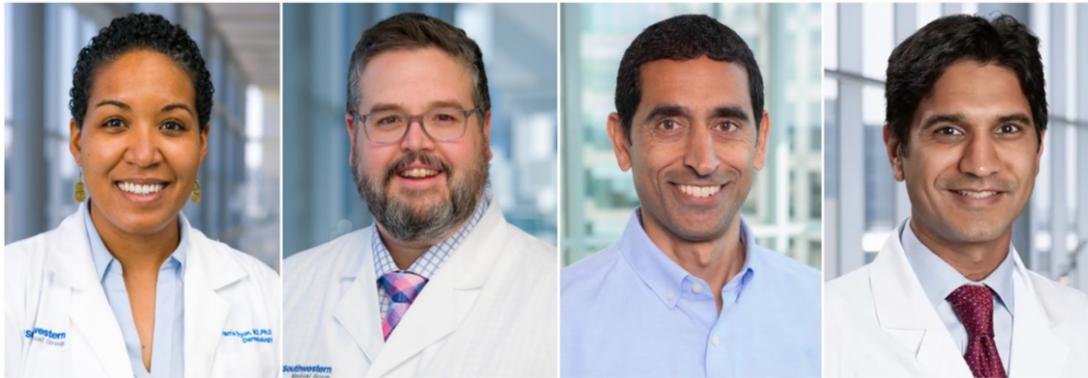
Craig Gravitz, Director of ARPA-H's Project Accelerator Transition Innovation Office (PATIO), will provide an **overview of ARPA-H for UT Southwestern faculty.**

This will be an opportunity for our faculty to learn more about the agency and ask questions.

[Register to attend this virtual event.](#)

Faculty Announcements

New Elected Members: American Society for Clinical Investigation



Four UT Southwestern faculty members have been [elected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation \(ASCI\)](#) – one of the oldest medical honor societies in the United States – in recognition of their outstanding scholarly activity.

Pictured from left, [Tamia Harris-Tryon, M.D., Ph.D.](#), Associate Professor of Dermatology, [Rodney Infante, M.D., Ph.D.](#), Associate Professor in the Center for Human Nutrition, [Nikhil Munshi, M.D., Ph.D.](#), Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, and [Amil Shah, M.D., M.P.H.](#), Professor of Internal Medicine, are among 100 newly active and international members representing 50 different institutions. They will be inducted into the Society in April.

The ASCI focuses on the special role of physician-scientists in research, clinical care, and medical education, as well as leadership positions in academic medicine and the life sciences industry. It brings together more than 3,000 physician-scientists representing all medical specialties.

Drs. Greilich and Prange-Kiel Will Join Shine Academy

[Philip Greilich, M.D.](#), Professor of Anesthesiology & Pain Management, and [Janine Prange-Kiel, Ph.D.](#), Associate Professor of Surgery, have been selected to join the UT System's Kenneth I. Shine, M.D., Academy of Health Science Education in recognition of their exceptional teaching.



They join 33 current and former UT Southwestern faculty members inducted into the Academy, which supports and promotes excellence in health science education, scholarship, and leadership. The induction ceremony will be held at the Academy's annual Innovations in Health Science Education Conference next month. [Read more.](#)

New COI Statement of Financial Interest Software

This month, the [Conflict of Interest \(COI\) Office](#) will be launching a new COI software solution called InfoEd. The platform will continue to make the COI Training Module and the COI Statement of Financial Interest available in one convenient location.

It provides improved functionality features such as a new dashboard to track the status of submissions and expanded automation in the outside activity review process, including automatic notifications of approvals. Moreover, interests reported in 2023 will pre-populate in the 2024 COI Statement.

The 2024 disclosure period will open in InfoEd on Jan. 22, at which time you will receive automated notifications with additional information on submitting. Contact the [COI office](#) with any questions.

Three-Year M.P.H. Pathway

Those interested in earning an M.P.H. from the O'Donnell School of Public Health may now enroll part time and complete their degree in three years instead of two years.

Designed with consideration of nontraditional



students who may be juggling professional commitments, the three-year pathway has the same application process, educational rigor and quality, and credit requirements. Full-time employees may be eligible for [UTSW tuition-reimbursement benefits](#) (VPN required).

Those interested in applying for the three-year pathway should select the part-time student option when completing the [M.P.H. application](#). Once admitted, students will have a one-on-one meeting with Associate Dean of Academic Affairs [Joseph Su, Ph.D., M.P.H.](#), to review specialized pathway options based on their individual

needs.

Save the Date

Sim Center Forum Renamed to Honor Dr. Ginsburg

The UT Southwestern Simulation (Sim) Center will host its [Charles Morris Ginsburg Simulation-Based Quality Improvement and Research Forum](#) on May 8.

The event has been renamed to honor Charles Ginsburg, M.D., Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Education, ahead of his retirement. Dr. Ginsburg's vision, dedication, and contributions paved the way for the creation of the Simulation Center.

"I'm not only proud of the Sim Center, I'm proud of UT Southwestern and the opportunities that we have here to advance new knowledge, educate people, and to be a resource for the community of Dallas," Dr. Ginsburg shared in a recent [video](#) recognizing the Sim Center's fifth anniversary.

Since opening in 2018, the center has facilitated more than 100,000 learner encounters spanning undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education, nursing, health professions, and research. That volume, and its breadth of training, has made it one of the largest and most advanced facilities of its kind in the nation.

[The forum](#) will feature the latest in health care simulation, quality improvement, and research. Registration information will be shared in upcoming editions of this newsletter.



Opportunities that Pair Food and Medicine

New Online Master's Program in Nutrition Science

UT Southwestern is expanding distance learning offerings with its [Master of Clinical Nutrition – Nutrition Science program](#) – its first fully online program.

Tailored for health care professionals and registered dietitians, this online, self-paced program is designed to enhance expertise for both inpatient and outpatient settings with advanced course curriculum spanning critical care nutrition, acute care nutrition, metabolism, nutrigenomics, and chronic care nutrition.



The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 7% growth in dietitian and nutritionist employment by 2032 – faster than the average for all occupations. Housed in the School of Health Professions, the Master of Clinical Nutrition – Nutrition Science program aims to address the escalating need for advanced nutritional education in health care.

Prospective students can [apply](#) to be a part of the fall 2024 cohort until April 1.

Culinary Medicine Trainee Project Awards Program

The Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program is sponsoring culinary medicine scholarships for School of Health Professions' learners and medical students who participate in community-engaged nutrition education and community organization partnerships.

Eight individuals will receive Culinary Medicine Trainee Project Awards across three levels based on the scope and commitment of students invested in building community relationships, advancing partnerships, and volunteering for community events. [An information session will be held on Jan. 4](#) to address last minute questions.

Submit an [application](#) by Jan. 5 to the [CTSA Program](#).

In Memoriam

Dr. Robert P. Foglia (1948-2023)



Robert P. Foglia, M.D., former Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, passed away Dec. 10.

A graduate of Georgetown University School of Medicine, Dr. Foglia completed his surgical residency at UCLA and pursued subspecialty training in pediatric surgery at Children's Hospital National Medical Center. Over the span of four decades, he was faculty in top academic medical centers including UCLA, Harvard, Washington University, and UT Southwestern.

In 2006, Dr. Foglia joined our faculty and during his career at UT Southwestern acted as Chief of Pediatric Surgery and Surgeon-in-Chief at Children's Medical Center Dallas. He also served as Medical Director of Trauma Services at Children's and Program Director of the Pediatric Surgical Training Program. Dr. Foglia retired in 2018 and held an adjunct professor position until February 2021. His legacy will be valued for many years to come.

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

Successfully Obtaining an R (SOAR) Intensive R Grant Writers Workshop

The [SOAR](#) grantsmanship program provides junior faculty conducting basic, translational, or clinical research who are actively writing their R series NIH grants the opportunity to work with a coach to craft a fundable proposal.

- [Apply by Jan. 10.](#)



Applications Open: Dean's Scholar in Clinical Research Program

Faculty on the Clinical Scholar Track are invited to apply to [this scholar program](#) designed to support their development as successful clinical investigators.

- [Apply by Jan. 12.](#)

Demystifying the Promotion & Tenure Process

This session provides information to help faculty members understand the academic advancement [timeline and criteria](#) for each distinct academic rank and track.

- Jan. 30 at noon. [Register](#) to attend.

Clinical Scholar Track Workshop

Join this interactive discussion of criteria evaluated for promotion in the Clinical Scholar Track, including research independence, national reputation, and teaching excellence.

- Feb. 7 at noon. [Register](#) to attend.

Clinician-Educator/Clinician Track Workshop

Join this interactive discussion of criteria evaluated for promotion in the Clinician-Educator and Clinician Tracks, including research independence, national reputation, and teaching excellence.

- Feb. 16 at noon. [Register](#) to attend.

Applications Open: Southwestern Academy of Teachers (SWAT) Small Grants Program

[The program](#) supports faculty and trainees with a faculty sponsor by providing up to \$3,500 to fund

education-research projects related to the teaching priorities of the UT Southwestern Schools.

- [Submit your application](#) by May 1.

Save the Date: Faculty Wellness Retreat

This CME-certified program features interactive workshops on the topics of personal, professional, and system efficiency improvement.

- June 7

Grant Writing Library*

UT Southwestern faculty members have free access to a [grant writing library](#) designed to help researchers in the process of securing National Institutes of Health funding.

- Contact the [CTSA Program](#) to [request free access](#).

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