

## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

**W**orking with the Office of International Programs, we are expanding research opportunities for faculty and students through strategic connections with key international institutions. In November 2017, UTSA and Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (ITESM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), establishing collaboration activities to facilitate long-term academic and economic cooperation between both institutions. In October 2017, UTSA signed a MOU with Technical University-Darmstadt in Germany, a key component of a greater cultural mission between the City of San Antonio and the City of Darmstadt to build cultural and educational bridges through a sister cities agreement.



## OFFICE OF RESEARCH SUPPORT

**T**he Office of Research Support (ORS) continued to deliver a robust slate of research support and faculty development activities. In collaboration with UTSA Teaching and Learning Services, the New Faculty Institute was launched to provide new faculty introduction to UTSA's teaching and research culture, share institutional resources and best practices and promote collaboration. In FY 17, ORS gave 46 research awards to UTSA faculty and their collaborators, totaling \$712,392 to support research on campus.

## NEW RESEARCH CENTERS

**U** TSA researchers received substantial federal grants in many fields including a \$5 million grant award from the National Science Foundation (NSF), establishing the CREST Center for Security and Privacy Enhanced Cloud Computing (C-SPECC), led by Dr. Ravi Sandhu. Two new research centers were created: the Autism Research Center (ARC), dedicated to autism analysis, assessment and treatment and, more recently, the Center for Community Based and Applied Health Research, both housed in the College of Education and Human Development.

## SAN ANTONIO MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM

**W**ith funding provided by the San Antonio Life Sciences Institute (SALSI), military health research and training were supported by UTSA and UT Health SA working with the San Antonio Military Health System (SAMHS) and the Uniformed Services University Health Sciences Center (USUHSC). This partnership resulted in collaborative seed programs, extramural grant applications/awards, conferences and joint professional development opportunities. With additional support from the National Institutes of Health in 2018 (award number R13TR002409), the fourth annual San Antonio Military Health System & Universities Research Forum (SURF) conference brought more than 450 academicians, students, and other health professionals to the UTSA campus to share research, network and build new partnerships. This represented a 38.5 percent increase in attendance from year one. Of the 137 abstracts submitted for consideration, 40 were selected for podium presentations. The forum also featured a poster session where 103 projects were showcased. <http://research.utsa.edu/surf> #SATXSURF