

# **2022** Annual Report





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# FY22 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

The growth and success of UTSA's Knowledge Enterprise are evidenced by the quality of our dedicated faculty and students, the consistent rise in scholarly research awards and subsequent expenditures, and other vital data culled from various sources, including NSF HERD. This report is a culmination of last years dedicated work by our incredible faculty, staff, and students, which led to the institution's recognition as a Carnegie R1 research-intensive university. UTSA is now in the 4% of the 146 universities and one of only 21 Hispanic-serving Institutions on this elite list of R1 organizations.



FEDERAL

NON-FEDERAL

# **TOP 10** LARGEST RESEARCH AWARDS

#### \$18,196,393

John Huggins, Dhireesha Kudithipudi, Jeff Prevost, Howard Grimes National Security Collaboration Center (NSCC) KCEID Electrical Engineering VPREDKE Cybersecurity Manufacturing Innovation Institute Advanced Capabilities for Cyber Resilient and Assured Missions (ACCRAM)

US Department of the Air Force

#### \$6,785,000

Chiung-Yu Hung, Jose Lopez-Ribot, Jieh-Juen Yu COS Molecular Microbiology and Immunology SA-CCRC-Development of Therapeutics and Vaccines Against Coccidioidomycosis.

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

#### \$4,483,675

Rajendra Boppana, Philip Menard, Gregory White COS Computer Science ACOB Information Systems & Cyber Security COS Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS) Scholarship for Service program with emphasis on diversity, mentoring, and career success

**National Science Foundation** 

#### \$3,087,131

#### Stanton McHardy

COS Center for Innovative Drug Discovery (CIDD) Center for Innovative Drug Discovery: Expansion of a Highly Productive Shared Cancer Drug Discovery Resource for Texas

Cancer Prevention and Res Inst of TX 527

\$3,086,776 Albert Salgado VPREDKE IED Small Business Development Center South-West TX SBDC Program Renewal FY21-22 SATX United States Small Business Administration

#### \$3,000,000

Heather Shipley, Vanessa Sansone, Arturo Montoya Rodriguez, Mark Appleford COEHD Education Leadership & Policy Studies KCEID Civil Engineering University College VP Academic Affairs HSI Institutional Transformation Project: STEM Undergraduate Education through a Latinx Student Success Framework National Science Foundation

#### \$2,596,915

Edwin Barea-Rodriguez COS MARC at the University of Texas at San Antonio National Institute of General Medical Sciences

#### \$2,462,114

Kristen Lindahl, Jorge Solis, Bedrettin Yazan, Becky Huang, Kathryn Henderson, Martha Sidury Christiansen, Olesya Kisselev, Zhongfeng Tian COEHD Bicultural-Bilingual Studies Project SELF: Secondary English Learners and Families Advancing Academic Literacy in the Content Areas US Department of Education

#### \$2,000,000

Kiran Bhaganagar, Christopher Combs, Alberto Mestas-Nunez, Alan Whittington, Stephen Ackley KCIED Mechanical Engineering COS Geological Sciences COS Center for Advanced Measurements in Extreme Environments (CAMEE) National Aeronautics and Space Administration

#### \$1,850,000

Tammy Wyatt VP Student Affairs Student Success Foster Care UTSA Supervised Independent Living Contract (SIL Program) Texas Department of Family and Protective Service

# **EXPENDITURES BY COLLEGE**

COLLEGE	AMOUNT
CARLOS ALVAREZ COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	\$11,168,312
College of Education and Human Development	\$9,049,712
Margie and Bill Klesse College of Engineering and Integrated Design	\$29,374,269
College of Liberal and Fine Arts	\$8,540,047
College of Sciences	\$45,217,844
College for Health, Community, and Policy	\$12,411,643
Honors College	\$14,080
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE	\$6,132,990
VP ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	\$3,276,943
VP KNOWLEDGE ENTERPRISE	\$16,002,482
Other (VPBA, VPUR, etc.)	\$514,999
TOTAL	\$141,703,321



#### **EXPENDITURES BY RESEARCH CENTERS & INSTITUES**

CENTER & INSTITUTES	AMOUNT
ACADEMY FOR TEACHER EXCELLENCE RESEARCH CENTER	\$591,099
BANK OF AMERICA CHILD AND ADOLESCENT POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (BACAPRI)	\$1,197,673
Brain Health Consortium	\$1,900,703
CENTER FOR ADVANCED MEASUREMENTS IN EXTREME ENVIRONMENTS (CAMEE)	\$1,123,029
Center for Advanced Manufacturing & Lean Systems (CAMLS)	\$710,866
Center for Archeological Research (CAR)	\$1,119,395
CENTER FOR COMMUNITY BASED AND APPLIED HEALTH RESEARCH (CCBAHR)	\$1,081,671
CENTER FOR CULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY (CCS)	\$416,430
CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGINEERING EDUCATION RESEARCH (CE3R)	\$1,788,587
CYBER CENTER FOR SECURITY AND ANALYTICS	\$1,698,088
CENTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE ASSURANCE AND SECURITY (CIAS)	\$1,286,930
CENTER FOR INNOVATION AND DRUG DISCOVERY (CIDD)	\$967,468
CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN THE SCIENCES (CRTS)	\$2,404,349
CENTER FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING RESEARCH (CURPR)	\$7,051
Cybersecurity Manufacturing Innovation Institute (CyManII)	\$8,353,086
INSTITUTE FOR CYBER SECURITY (ICS)	\$797,970
INSTITUTE FOR DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIOECONOMIC RESEARCH (IDSR)	\$443,160
INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH (IHDR)	\$297,067
INSTITUTE OF REGENERATIVE MEDICINE (IRM)	\$442,893
INSTITUTE FOR WATER RESEARCH, SUSTAINABILITY AND POLICY (IWRSP)	\$30,522
MATRIX AI CONSORTIUM FOR HUMAN WELL-BEING	\$873,540
NATIONAL SECURITY COLLABORATION CENTER	\$509,227
OPEN CLOUD INSTITUTE (OCI)	\$795,541
SAN ANTONIO CELLULAR THERAPEUTICS INSTITUTE (SACTI)	\$373,314
Sustainable Pervasive Urban Resilience (SPUR)	\$555,157
SOUTH TEXAS CENTER FOR EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (STCEID)	\$4,210,727
TEXAS SUSTAINABLE ENERGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (TSERI)	\$1,995,323
Urban Education Institute	\$307,920
UTSA Mexico Center	\$182,530
UTSA NEUROSCIENCES INSTITUTE (NI)	\$2,346,530
Women's Studies Institute (WSI)	\$23,196
Policy Studies Center (PSC)	\$7,607
SCHOOL OF DATA SCIENCE (SDS)	\$4,706
TOTAL	\$38,843,358

## AWARDS

COLLEGE	NUMBER	DOLLAR AMOUNT
CARLOS ALVAREZ COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	25	\$4,938,904
College of Education and Human Development	41	\$11,802,273
Margie and Bill Klesse College of Engineering and Integrated Design	97	\$26,069,185
College of Liberal and Fine Arts	49	\$2,029,656
College of Sciences	96	\$34,205,330
College for Health, Community, and Policy	48	\$7,412,295
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE	1	\$832,500
VP ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	21	\$5,308,127
VP KNOWLEDGE ENTERPRISE	19	\$18,552,790
*Other (VPBA, VPUR, etc.)	3	\$2,184,442
TOTAL	400	\$113,335,502



# **PROPOSALS BY COLLEGE**

COLLEGE	AMOUNT
CARLOS ALVAREZ COLLEGE OF BUSINESS	48
College of Education and Human Development	65
Margie and Bill Klesse College of Engineering and Integrated Design	308
College of Liberal and Fine Arts	108
College of Sciences	290
College for Health, Community, and Policy	117
Honors College	2
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE	2
VP ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	25
VP KNOWLEDGE ENTERPRISE	40
*Other (VPBA, VPUR, etc.)	13
TOTAL	1018

### **PROPOSALS BY SOURCE**

TOTAL	1018
STATE GOVERNMENT	118
OTHER GOVERNMENT	12
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	55
Private	195
Federal Pass Through	251
Federal Government	386
DEVELOPMENT & GIFTS	1
SOURCE	AMOUNT

# FY22 SEED GRANTS

The UTSA Office for Research, Economic Development, and Knowledge Enterprise has awarded its annual seed grants to spark innovation on campus. This money, distributed through five funding mechanisms, funds new research projects or new lines of inquiry to advance their research portfolio through the discovery process.

#### GRANTS FOR RESEARCH ADVANCEMENT AND TRANSFORMATION (GREAT)

The GREAT program provides seed grants to support new areas of research for faculty at UTSA, to assemble preliminary data that can be used to seek extramural funding and advance UTSA's goal of reaching Tier One status.

- » OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH JULY 31, 2022
- » \$ 80,000 AWARDED: \$20,000 PER RESEARCHER X 4 NEW PROJECTS

#### **College of Architecture and Construction Planning**

**Angela Lombardi, Ph.D.**, Department of Architecture Toward Cultural Heritage Scientific Conservation: Characterization of Spanish Colonial Stones and Lime Mortars in the San Antonio Missions, Texas

#### **College of Engineering**

**Ao Du, Ph.D.**, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering | *Regional Natural Hazard Risk Assessment Methodology toward Resilient 5G Telecommunication Infrastructure Deployment* 

#### **College of Education and Human Development**

**Leslie Neely, Ph.D.**, Department of Educational Psychology | *A step towards smart and connected health in behavior analysis* 

#### **College of Sciences**

**Murtuza Jadliwala, Ph.D.**, Department of Computer Science | Addressing Security and Privacy Challenges in Visual Augmented Reality (VAR) applications

#### CONNECTING THROUGH RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS (CONNECT)

The CONNECT Program is a joint effort between The UTSA and the Southwest Research Institute (SwRI). The program encourages interaction between investigators in support of the acquisitions of established extramural, peer-reviewed research funding. This agreement provides unprecedented opportunities for researchers to work together in addressing issues of mutual interest and need.

- » October 1, 2021 Through July 31, 2022
- » \$250,000 AWARDED: \$125,000 PER TEAM (\$50,000 UTSA; \$75,000 SwRI)

**Hai-Cho Han, Ph.D**, UTSA and **Keith A. Bartels, Ph.D.**, SwRI Modeling the trabecular structure in human heart and its change in heart failure patients

**Gary Jacobs, Ph.D.**, UTSA and **Grant S. Seuser, Ph.D.**, SwRI CO2 to Fuel: Combining Reverse Water Gas Shift and Fischer Tropsch Synthesis into a Single Reactor



#### INTERNAL RESEARCH AWARDS (INTRA)

The Internal Research Awards (INTRA) program is part of the UTSA Vice President for Research, Economic Development, and Knowledge Enterprise's coordinated efforts to promote research and scholarship of the highest quality. This program offers experience in identifying and submitting applications to potential funding sources, provides preliminary data to support applications for extramural funding, and enhances scholarly and creative activities.

- » October 1, 2021 Through July 31, 2022
- » \$95,000 AWARDED: \$5,000 PER RESEARCHER X 19 NEW RESEARCH PROJECTS

#### **College of Architecture and Construction Planning**

Jae Yong Suk, Ph.D., Department of Architecture Investigation of Nighttime Lighting Environment of UTSA Main Campus for Student and Public Safety

**Ibukun Awolusi, Ph.D.**, Department of Construction Science | Privacy and Security in the Application of IoT-Based Wearable Sensing Devices for Safety and Health Monitoring in Construction

**Jiannan Cai, Ph.D.**, Department of Construction Science | Understanding and Predicting Worker Behavior in Human-Robot Co-Construction

#### **College of Business**

Hu Harrison Liu, Ph.D., Department of Accounting Short Selling and Executive Stock Option Exercises Krishnamurthy 'K.K' Raman, Ph.D., Department of Accounting | The Effect of Clawback Adoptions on Institutional Investment Decisions

Jennifer Yin, Ph.D., Department of Accounting Family Firms and Penalized Firm Misconduct Juan Mao, Ph.D., Department of Accounting The Impact of COVID-19 on Remote Audits and Group Audits

**College of Education and Human Development Claudia Interiano-Shiverdecker, Ph.D.**, Department of Counseling | *Recruitment and Retention of Students in a Bilingual Counseling Certificate Program* 

#### **College of Liberal and Fine Arts**

**Oswaldo Zapata, Ph.D.**, Department of Music Latin American Music Recording

**Sue Hum, Ph.D.**, Department of English Visualizing the Yellow Peril: Racializing the Chinese, 1834-1941

**Omar Valerio-Jimenez, Ph.D.**, Department of History Challenging Exclusion in Education: Mexican Americans and School Reform

**Pablo Requena, Ph.D.**, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures | *Dialectal variation in the acquisition of Spanish early verb morphology* 

**Paul Ardoin, Ph.D.**, Department of Philosophy and Classics *Monstrous Becketts* 

**Ritu Mathur, Ph.D.**, Department of Political Science and Geography | Security Archives and the Problem of Cyber Arms Control

#### College for Health, Community and Policy

**Sherri Simmons-Horton, Ph.D.**, Department of Social Work Perceptions of Current and Former Social Work | *Students on Anti-Racist Praxis* 

**Ying Huang, Ph.D.**, Department of Demography | Income Loss and Mental Health Outcomes During the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States—Investigating the Moderating Role of Metropolitan Racial Residential Segregation

**Kara Joyner, Ph.D.**, Department of Demography | *The Effects of Partisanship on Mate Choices* 

**Se-Woong Park, Ph.D.**, Department of Kinesiology Characterizing predictive gaze patterns and brain activity in children with autism spectrum disorder

**Tianou Zhang, Ph.D.**, Department of Kinesiology | The Effects of Nicotinamide Riboside Supplementation and Exercise Training on Body Composition and Physical Performance in Older Adults with Sarcopenic Obesity



#### TRANSDISCIPLINARY TEAMS (T2) PROGRAM

The Transdisciplinary Teams (T2) Program provides seed grants to support UTSA faculty members to engage in scholarly research activities that foster transdisciplinary collaborations. The primary goal of these awards is to assemble teams of researchers from different disciplines that will establish a foundation to seek extramural funding.

- » October 1, 2021 Through July 31, 2022
- » \$100,000 AWARDED: \$20,000 PER RESEARCHER
  - X 5 NEW RESEARCH PROJECTS

#### **TEAM:**

Angela Lombardi, Ph.D., College of Architecture and Construction Planning, Department of Architecture
Lorenzo Brancaleon, Ph.D., College of Sciences,
Department of Physics and Astronomy
Arturo Ponce Pedrasa, Ph.D., College of Sciences,
Department of Physics and Astronomy
Paul LeBlanc, Ph.D., College for Liberal and Fine Arts,
Department of Communications
Cultural Heritage and Climate change: The biological colonization in the San Antonio Missions - biodeterioration vs bioprotection debate.

#### TEAM:

Teja Guda, Ph.D., College of Engineering,
Department of Biomedical Engineering
Janakiram Seshu, Ph.D., College of Sciences,
Department of Biology
Mario Flores, Ph.D., College of Engineering,
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Microphysiological models of the upper airway to evaluate pathogen resistance

#### TEAM:

**Rebecca Bria, Ph.D.**, College of Liberal and Fine Arts, Department of Anthropology **Hongjie Xie, Ph.D.**, College of Sciences, Department

of Geological Sciences

**Kristen Brown, Ph.D.**, College of Engineering, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Changing Environment in the Glacial Watershed of the Cordillera Blanca, Peru under the Warming Climate: Understanding the shifting local dynamics of water availability, agriculture, and energy production

#### TEAM:

**Sue Hum, Ph.D.**, College of Liberal and Fine Arts, Department of English

**Rebecca Weston, Ph.D.**, College of Health, Community and Policy, Department of Psychology

**Aaron Cassill, Ph.D.**, College of Sciences, Department of Biology **Greg Elliott, Ph.D.**, College of Liberal and Fine Arts, Department of Art and Art History *Investigating STEM Students' Approaches to Innovative Thinking* 

#### TEAM:

Through Focus Groups

**Allison Veach, Ph.D.**, College of Sciences, Department of Environmental Science and Ecology **Saugata Datta, Ph.D.**, College of Sciences, Department of Geology

**Corey Sparks, Ph.D.**, College of Health, Community and Policy, Department of Demography *Linking the urban microbiome to lawncare choices: how does xeriscaping impact the microbiome?* 

#### BRAIN HEALTH CONSORTIUM COLLABORATIVE SEED GRANT PROGRAM

The Brain Health Consortium (BHC) Collaborative Seed Grant (CSG) program is offering seed grants to support collaborative research at UTSA. These grants support a broad range of transdisciplinary research that may yield fundamental insights into the mechanisms underlying brain disorders.

- » October 1, 2021 Through June 30, 2022
- » \$ 30,000 AWARDED: \$15,000 PER RESEARCHER X 2 NEW PROJECTS

#### **College of Sciences**

**Brian Hermann, Ph.D.**, Department of Biology | *Localization of mammalian spermatogonial stem cells and their niche using spatial genomics.* 

#### College of Engineering

**Marzieh Hajiaghamemar, Ph.D.**, Department of Biomedical Engineering | Sport-Related Head Exposures in Female Athletes and Discovery of the Sex-Specific Differences

### INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Since 1979, UTSA's economic development programs have been building the economy, one business at a time. UTSA's Institute for Economic Development hosts a variety of centers and programs that facilitate economic, community and business development at the local, regional and national levels. Programs serve the entrepreneur who is just starting a business to the experienced business owner looking for new markets, to communities seeking to improve their economic health.



### **UTSA**, IED

#### » THE IED PROVIDES:

- Economic Development
- Technology
- Business Assistance
- International & Minority Business Development
- Government Contracting & Procurement
- Research
- Trade

#### » HIGHLIGHTS & MILESTONES IN FY22

- Created 2,864 jobs and retained 7,373
- Created 483 businesses starts
- Created **541** of business expansions
- Generated \$27,020,900 in new tax revenue
- Offered 1,410 training events and courses

#### » THE IED OPERATES IN:



# CENTERS & INSTITUTES SPOTLIGHT

# **UTSA** Brain Health Consortium

The Brain Health Consortium is dedicated to discovering the inner workings of the brain through a collaborative, transdisciplinary team comprised of researchers with expertise in stem cells and precision medicine, neuroscience, biomedical engineering, and psychology and behavior, and is led by **Dr. Jenny Hsieh**. In FY22, the Brain Health Consortium submitted 43 proposals worth \$43 million and was awarded seven new awards worth \$434,000. In total the BHC FY22 expenses were at \$2.1M.

#### » RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



The BHC incubated the **Oskar Fischer Prize**, totaling \$4M, with awards presented on June 22 during the TAMEST conference in San Antonio, followed by a 1-day scientific symposium to discuss the work of Alzheimer's researchers.



**Dr. Jenny Hsieh** was a member of The University of Texas System wide Brain Research Summit, held November 7-8; an event to come together to highlight the innovative brain health research taking place across the UT System, including the BHC.



BHC members are part of a new exciting research intensive department in the College of Sciences, **Neuroscience**, **Developmental and Regenerative Biology (NDRB)**. The Department of NDRB also launched a new doctoral program in Developmental and Regenerative Sciences, which gives graduates a competitive eduge in the emerging regenerative medicine sector.

UTSA doctoral students, **Vanessa Cerda** and **Tara Flaugher**, in neuroscience earn prestigious fellowships to support their research training at UTSA. Both students will conduct their research in Dr. Nicole Wicha's Brain, Language, and Cognition Laboratory.

# RESEARCH FACULTY EXCELLENCE

#### **INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR 2022**



The Innovator of the Year is **Chiung-Yu Hung**, associate professor in the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology. She is an expert in the field of Coccidioides, also known as San Joaquin Valley fever, an infectious fungal disease that affects the respiratory system. Focused on the development of therapeutics, diagnostics and vaccines against these Coccidioides infections, she is currently developing a human vaccine with recombinant antigen and mRNA technologies with recent funding from the National Institutes of Health.

Using a five-year, \$6.8 million grant from the NIH this past year, Hung established a research unit that develops therapeutics and vaccines against valley fever. She has filed six patents, all related to Coccidioides, including antigens, associated strains and copies for vaccine use (human and veterinary animals) against coccidioidomycosis.

Hung is co-director of the Vaccine Development Center at San Antonio and an executive committee member of the South Texas Center for Emerging Infectious Diseases. She is a member of the American Association of Immunologists, the American Society for Microbiology, the Medical Mycological Society of the Americas (MMSA), and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA).

With nearly 70 peer-reviewed publications, Hung's research has been featured in the Journal of Fungi, Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology, International Journal of Nanomedicine and the Journal of Immunology.

#### NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS



Anson (Joo) L. Ong, the USAA Foundation Distinguished Professor and senior associate dean of administration and graduate programs in the university's College of Engineering and Integrated Design (CEID), has been named a Fellow of the National Academy of

Inventors (NAI). The appointment recognizes the lifetime contributions made by Ong who has built a career in engineering education and in research and development.





Amanda Fernandez

**Thomas Forsthuber** 



Eugene John

The National Academy of Inventors (NAI) has also named 83 academic inventors to its 2022 class of NAI Senior Members. Among these are UTSA faculty members **Amanda Fernandez, Thomas Forsthuber** and **Eugene John**.

NAI Senior Members are active faculty members, scientists and administrators from NAI Member Institutions who have demonstrated remarkable innovation producing technologies that have brought or aspire to bring real impact on the welfare of society. They also have growing success in patents, licensing and commercialization.



