

SERVICES TO THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY

As a faculty investigator, research staff member, or student engaged in research, you should know that there are a variety of on-campus services available to assist you in building, maintaining, and growing a successful research program at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth).

The purpose of this brochure is to highlight those services that will be of most benefit to you in your research endeavors. For more information, please go to the Research web site (www.uth.edu/research/) or to any of the department-specific sites listed.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Blackburn, PhD
Executive Vice President
& Chief Academic Officer

RESEARCH SERVICE DEPARTMENTS

- Center for Laboratory Animal Medicine & Care (CLAMC)
- Research Compliance
 - Animal Welfare Committee [IACUC/AWC]
 - Office of Research Support Committees (ORSC) [IRB/CPHS]
 - Clinical Trials Resource Center (CTRC)
 - Research Conflicts of Interest Committee (RCOI)
 - Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee (hESCRO)
- Safety, Health, Environment & Risk Management (SHERM)
- Office of Shared Research Resources
- Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA)
 - Pre-Award
 - Post-Award Finance (PAF)
- Office of Strategic Industry Initiatives (OSII)
- Office of Shared Research Resources (OSSR)
- Office of Technology Management (OTM)

OTHER RESOURCES

Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA)
<https://www.uth.edu/sponsored-projects-administration/>

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SPA main line: 713.500.3999 – UCT 10th floor

Post-Award Finance (PAF)
<https://www.uth.edu/sponsored-projects-administration/about-spa/post-award-finance>

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Center for Clinical & Translational Sciences (CCTS)
one of the first twelve NIH-funded CTSA's nationally
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Medical School Office of Communications
Graphic design and poster printing services available to all UTHealth faculty
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Research Service Departments at UTHealth

*Where to Turn for Help with Your Research Questions:
A Reference Guide for the UTHealth Research Community*

CENTER FOR LABORATORY ANIMAL MEDICINE & CARE (CLAMC)

<https://www.uth.edu/animal-research/>

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CLAMC, an AAALAC International accredited program, is responsible for the health and well-being of laboratory animals. Facilities are located in six buildings throughout the Texas Medical Center, with two main locations located in the Medical School Extension and the Institute of Molecular Medicine.

CLINICAL TRIALS RESOURCE CENTER (CTRC)

www.uth.edu/ctrc

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The CTRC provides a single portal of resources, expertise, and best practices for investigators and research staff to facilitate efficient, compliant and ethical study conduct and management. Staff help to facilitate effective and timely clinical trial initiation by improving institutional processes and development of clinical trial management tools.

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE & USE COMMITTEE / ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE (IACUC/AWC)

www.uth.edu/animal-research/awc.htm

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Staff members facilitate research review activities of the IACUC/AWC and advise/guide investigators and coordinators on federal and institutional regulations/policies regarding research with animals to ensure proper adherence to approved protocols.

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD/ COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS (IRB/CPHS)

www.uth.edu/cphs

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Staff members facilitate research review activities of the IRB/CPHS. Services include advising and guiding investigators and coordinators on federal and institutional regulations/policies regarding research with human subjects and serving as a research intermediary between the investigator and subject to ensure that the subjects fully understand the risks and benefits of high risk protocols.

OFFICE OF SHARED RESEARCH RESOURCES (OSRR)

<https://www.uth.edu/research/core-labs/>

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The OSRR facilitates the interaction and collaboration between investigators and shared resources such as research service centers and core facilities. In addition, the OSRR supports interaction with other UT System cores through a network of shared resources participating in iLab Solutions core management platform.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INDUSTRY INITIATIVES (OSII)

<https://www.uth.edu/osii/>

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OSII strives to foster stronger strategic relationships between UTHealth faculty and industry and manage and coordinate corporate collaborations and seed funding opportunities for the commercial advancement of UTHealth technologies.

OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT (OTM)

<https://www.uth.edu/otm/>

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OTM provides a venue to allow inventors an avenue to explore the opportunities for their inventions, coordinate appropriate legal protection for the intellectual property, and undertake technology transfer activities.

SAFETY, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & RISK MANAGEMENT (SHERM)

www.uth.edu/safety

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SHERM staff provides a series of research support services, including:

- Research protocol submission and facilitation of necessary safety committee reviews;
- Regulatory and compliance assistance services;
- Research safety information resources; and
- Lab safety services including routine safety surveillance, hazardous waste disposal, and facilitation of shipments of hazardous materials.

Training

Animal Research Training

<https://inside.uth.edu/animal-research/training/schedule.htm>

Clinical Research Training

<http://www.uth.edu/ctrc/training/>

Effort Reporting Training

<https://www.uth.edu/sponsored-projects-administration/Manage/effort-reporting/navigating-ecrt>

Environmental Health & Safety Training

<http://www.uth.edu/safety/training/index.htm>

Human Subjects Protection Training

<https://www.uth.edu/cphs/for-researchers/training.htm>

Investigator Responsibility Briefings (required RCR training)

<https://www.uth.edu/evpara/investigator-briefing.htm>

iRIS Online Training

(human & animal protocol submission system)

CPHS: <https://www.uth.edu/cphs/for-researchers/basic-iris.htm>

AWC: <https://www.uth.edu/animal-research/training/registration-for-iris-training---animal-research.htm>

iRIS Support Line

713.500.7960

Other Resources

Core Laboratories and Research Service Centers

<https://www.uth.edu/research/core-labs/>

New Investigator Development Program (Grants 101 & 102)

<http://www.uth.edu/nidp/>

Research Conflict of Interest

<https://www.uth.edu/evpara/rcoi/>

Safety Committees

Institutional Biosafety

<https://www.uth.edu/safety/biological-safety/institutional-biosafety-committee.htm>

Chemical Safety

<https://www.uth.edu/safety/chemical-safety/chemical-safety-committee.htm>

Radiation Safety

<https://www.uth.edu/safety/radiation-safety/radiation-safety-committee.htm>

Safety Council

<https://www.uth.edu/safety/safety-council.htm>