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 Technology Management (OTM)**

OTHER RESOURCES

**Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA)**
https://www.uth.edu/sponsored-projects-administration/
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**Post-Award Finance (PAF)**
https://www.uth.edu/sponsored-projects-administration/about-spa/post-award-finance
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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

UTHealth
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
CLINICAL TRIALS RESOURCE CENTER (CTRC)
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Sujatha Sridhar, MCE, CIP, Executive Director
Sujatha.Sridhar@uth.tmc.edu  713.500.3622 – UCT 1840
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.

SAFETY, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & RISK MANAGEMENT (SHERM)
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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.

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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/rcol/

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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
(ihuman & 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
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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
Safety Council
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