THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

UTEP Research Continuity

April 7, 2020
Research continues

• **President Heather Wilson:**
  
  Driving discovery of public value is central to our mission as a University. I’ve been pleased with how so many faculty are adjusting to today’s unusual circumstances. The challenge for all of us is to use this time well so that, when it is behind us, we are ready to emerge even stronger.

• **Provost John Wiebe:**
  
  Now is a time to prioritize when it comes to research. How can we minimize disruption to graduate student theses and the work of tenure-track faculty members? What can we do now to be prepared to move aggressively once it’s possible to do so?

• **VP Roberto Osegueda:**
  
  In the midst of the pandemic situation, key research is continuing at UTEP with the support of PIs, staff, and postdocs working in the labs supported by central research services through the VPR office. All our services are open, and we are committed to provide the same quality and diligence to support your needs.
Outline

• ORSP is operational
  • Functional Areas
• ORSP on-line
• ORSP website
• Questions and Answers:
All ORSP functions are operational (by remote)

- **Research Admin**
  - proposal submission, budget prep, award processing, etc
- **Regulatory Assurances**
  - IRB, IACUC, IBC, Laboratory Animal Resource Center, Conflict of Interest reporting
- **Proposal Development Team**
  - Opportunity identification, limited submissions, Proposal development and review, reworking of previous submissions, grantsmanship training
- **Contracts and Grants Accounting**
  - New Awards, NCE, Transfers, Subcontracts, Cost share, cash advance, overdraft resolution, eForm, SNOA, and PIC assistance
- **Office of Technology Commercialization**
  - All patent and licensing functions
- **Research Evaluation and Assessment Services**
  - Evaluation and reporting services for current and future grants.
Research Administrators are on the job.

www.utep.edu/orsp/about/department-center-assignments.html

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IRB, IACUC, IBC, Lab Animal Resource Center, Materiel Transfer Agreements, Conflict of Interest Reporting

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• **NEWS:** If your IRB protocol called for in person surveys and you now need to do them electronically, you MUST submit a change to the IRB. We are prepared to handle them speedily.
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**Tip:** Now is a good time to write a new (or rework an old!) proposal in preparation for resubmission. See your Proposal Improvement Program page at you page on the Expertise Connector.
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• Reminder:
  • All COVID-19 related expenditures must be identified with Program Code “CV19” on all Non-PO Vouchers and Expense Reports. See link below for more information. https://www.utep.edu/vpba/peoplesoft/news/index.html
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**Note:** We are working with the patent attorneys to make sure all the patent related deadlines are handled in a timely manner. Please visit the Forms & Resources page on our website to view standard agreement template: http://otc.utep.edu/OTC%20FORMS.php. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.
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COVID-19 and UTEP Research


• UTEP Guidance and Contact Information
• Preparation for possible impacts on research (from Ohio St. University)
• Guidance from Sponsors
  • Federal
  • State
  • Local
  • Foundations
• Additional Resources
• FAQ (to be developed)
• Enter your question (to be developed)
Connectivity to ORSP Tools

Outside the UTEP Firewall (VPN Not Required)

• ORSP Webpage [https://research.utep.edu](https://research.utep.edu)
• NOI (notice of intent) [https://research.utep.edu/noi](https://research.utep.edu/noi)
• Expertise Connector [https://expertise.utep.edu/](https://expertise.utep.edu/)
• Budget tool (download) [https://www.utep.edu/orsp/forms-tools-templates/research-budget-tool.html](https://www.utep.edu/orsp/forms-tools-templates/research-budget-tool.html)
• PIP (Proposal Improvement Program) [https://research.utep.edu/pip](https://research.utep.edu/pip)
• Limited Submissions [https://research.utep.edu/ls](https://research.utep.edu/ls)

Inside the UTEP Firewall (VPN Required)

• PIC (Project Information Center) [https://research.utep.edu/pic](https://research.utep.edu/pic)
• Data Portal [https://research.utep.edu/dataportal](https://research.utep.edu/dataportal)
We are here to help
(Questions and Answers)