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	 <p style="text-align: center;">Happy birthday last week to Virginia Apgar, who invented the Apgar score.</p>
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations to Dr. James Wang of the Family and Community Medicine on being elected as the new U.S. Student/Resident Representative on the North American Primary Care Research Group's Board of Directors for 2018-2019.</p>
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations to Isabel Garza, administrative assistant in Research on receiving her 5-year pin at the recent Employee Appreciation program.</p>
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations to Dr. Hiren Patel on his poster "Vilazodone: A Promising Alternative for Patient with Depression in Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) being accepted for presentation at the 2018 IPS: The Mental Health Services Conference.</p>
<h1 style="font-family: cursive;">Congratulations</h1>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations to Dr. Hira Cheema on receiving an award recognizing her research efforts at the resident graduation ceremony on Friday.</p>
	 <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations to Natalia Schlubritz-Lutsevich, Xuanji Li, Christopher Rensing, William L Taylor, Caitlin Costelle, Asker Dabiel Brejnrod, Robert J Ferry, Paul B. Higgins, Franco Folli, Rao Kottapalli, Gene B. Hubbard, Edward J. Dick, Shibu Yooseph, Karen E Nelson on their paper, "Papio Spp. Colon Microbiome and Its Link to Obesity in Pregnancy" being accepted to the Journal of Medical Primatology.</p>

<h2 style="text-align: center;">VISIT IS TODAY</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">AAHRPP Institutional Research Integrity Accreditation</h3> <p>Accreditation benefits research organizations, participants, and the research enterprise as a whole. The accreditation process requires organizations to take a comprehensive look at their Human Research Protection Programs (HRPPs) - to identify and address any weaknesses and to build upon their strengths. The result is a more cohesive HRPP, with the systems in place not only to protect research participants but also to advance research more efficiently and effectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Association for the</li> <li>■ Accreditation of</li> <li>■ Human</li> <li>■ Research</li> <li>■ Protection</li> <li>■ Programs</li> </ul> <p>"To earn accreditation, organizations must provide tangible evidence--through policies, procedures, and practices--of their commitment to scientifically and ethically sound research and continuous improvement." (AAHRPP.org)</p>	 <p>Human Research Protection Program Re-accreditation</p> <p>AAHRPP (the Association for Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs) will be on-site on June 11&amp; 12, 2018</p> <p>Process: 40+ interviews of investigators, research staff, IRB personnel and others to ensure that TTUHSC continues to demonstrate high-quality protection of human subjects</p> <p>Goal: Continued FULL ACCREDITATION of our human research protection program</p> 
 <h3 style="text-align: center;">Local funds available</h3>	<p>The Research Advisory Council of TTUHSC has funds available for research projects.</p> <p>If you are a medical student, resident, or mentoring a student or resident in research activities and you are interested in the opportunity to apply for funds from the TTUHSC Research Advisory Council, please send a one page proposal of your research to Dr. Natalia Schlabritz-Lutsevich at <a href="mailto:natalia.schlabritz-lutsevich@ttuhsc.edu">natalia.schlabritz-lutsevich@ttuhsc.edu</a> and be prepared to present 2-3 slides at the Friday, June 15, Research Advisory Committee Meeting. The budget for a project should not exceed \$5,000.</p> <p>The Permian Basin Research Advisory Committee will review submitted proposals and ask for extended proposals in July.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">3D Printing Presentation</h2>	 <p style="text-align: center;">3D Printing Presentation By Kate M. Serralde, BA, MA(Candidate) Unit Supervisor, Leading Resource Center, Preston Smith Library, Lubbock Thursday, June 14, 2018 Noon Dean's Conference Room</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">June Visit dates</h2>	 <p>Managing Director of the Clinical Research Institute, Cathy Lovett, will be in Odessa on June 19 and 20. If you are interested in meeting with her either of those dates, please email <a href="mailto:lsabel.garza@ttuhsc.edu">lsabel.garza@ttuhsc.edu</a>.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Human Subject Regulations Decision Charts</h2> 	<p>The Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) provides the following graphic aids as a guide for institutional review boards (IRBs), investigators, and others who decide if an activity is research involving human subjects that must be reviewed by an IRB under the requirements of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regulations at 45 CFR part 46. OHRP welcomes comment on these decision charts. The charts address decisions on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether an activity <b>is research</b> that must be reviewed by an IRB</li> <li>• whether the review may be performed by <b>expedited procedures</b>, and</li> <li>• whether <b>informed consent</b> or its documentation may be waived.</li> </ul> <p><i>Considerations</i></p> <p>The charts are intended to assist IRBs, institutions, and investigators in their decision-making process and should not be used as substitutes for consulting the regulations. OHRP cautions that the full text of applicable regulatory provisions should be considered in making final decisions.</p> <p>These charts are necessarily generalizations and may not be specific enough for particular situations. Other guidance documents are available related to specific topics, at <a href="#">OHRP Policy Guidance by Topic</a>. OHRP invites inquiries for additional information.</p> <p>The charts do not address requirements that may be imposed by other organizations, such as the Food and Drug Administration, National Institutes of Health, other sponsors, or state or local governments.</p> <p>Chart 1: Is an Activity Research Involving Human Subjects?</p> <p>Chart 2: Is the Human Subjects Research Eligible for Exemption?</p> <p>Chart 3: Does Exemption 45 CFR 46.101(b)(1) (for Educational Settings) Apply?</p> <p>Chart 4: Does exemption 45 CFR 46.101(b)(2) or (b)(3) (for Tests, Surveys, Interviews, Public Behavior Observation) Apply?</p> <p>Chart 5: Does Exemption 45 CFR 46.101(b)(4) (for Existing Data, Documents, Records and Specimens) Apply?</p> <p>Chart 6: Does Exemption 45 CFR 46.101(b)(5) (for Public Benefit or Service Programs) Apply?</p> <p>Chart 7: Does Exemption 45 CFR 46.101(b)(6) (for Food Taste and Acceptance Studies) Apply?</p> <p>Chart 8: May the IRB Review Be Done by Expedited Procedures?</p> <p>Chart 9: May the IRB Continuing Review Be Done by Expedited Procedures?</p> <p>Chart 10: May Informed Consent Be Waived or Consent Elements Be Altered under 45 CFR 46.116(d)?</p> <p>Chart 11: May Documentation of Informed Consent Be Waived Under 45 CFR 46.117(c)?</p> <p><a href="#">Download Decision Charts in PDF format</a></p>
<p>NIFA Update Banner</p> 	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science Program</h3> <p>The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Foundational and Applied Science Program supports grants in six AFRI priority areas to advance knowledge in both fundamental and applied sciences important to agriculture. The six priority areas are: Plant Health and Production and Plant Products; Animal Health and Production and Animal Products; Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health; Bioenergy, Natural Resources, and Environment; Agriculture Systems and Technology; and Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities. Research-only, extension-only, and integrated research, education and/or extension projects are solicited in this Request for Applications (RFA). See Foundational and Applied Science RFA for specific details.</p> <p>Who is eligible to apply:</p> <p>1862 Land-Grant Institutions, 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, 1994 Land-Grant Institutions, For-profit Organizations Other Than Small Businesses, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Individuals, Native American Tribal Orgs, not Federally recognized Tribal Governments, Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Ed, Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status, other than Institutions of Higher Ed, Other or Additional Information (See below), Private Institutions of Higher Ed, Small Business, State Agricultural Experiment Stations, State Controlled Institutions of Higher Ed</p>

	<p>More Information on Eligibility: The list above is abbreviated. Others may be eligible to apply. Eligibility may differ based on project types. See Program Area Priorities in the current Foundational and Applied Science RFA for the requested project types. Please refer to Part III, A of the current Foundational and Applied Science Program RFA for eligibility requirements. Note that restrictions apply to integrated projects applicants. Applications from ineligible institutions will not be reviewed.</p> <p><a href="#">Request for Applications</a> <a href="#">Apply for Grant</a></p> <p>Posted Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 Closing Date: Monday, September 30, 2019 Other Due Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural Microbiomes in Plant Systems and Natural Resources - Letter of Intent required: Letter of Intent Deadline - July 18, 2018</li> <li>• Agricultural Biosecurity Coordination Network - Letter of Intent required: Letter of Intent Deadline - July 24, 2018</li> <li>• Food and Agriculture Cyberinformatics Tools (FACT) - Letter of Intent required: Letter of Intent Deadline - July 25, 2018</li> <li>• Critical Agricultural Research and Extension (CARE) - Letter of Intent required: Letter of Intent Deadline - July 25, 2018</li> <li>• Exploratory Research - Letter of Intent required: Letter of Intent (LOI) Deadline - See Exploratory Research Program Area</li> </ul> <p>Priority for additional information (See Part I, C.). • Application Deadline Dates: See Program Area Priorities for additional information (See Part I, C. in the RFA).</p> <p>Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-NIFA-AFRI-006609 Estimated Total Program Funding: \$182,000,000</p> <p><b>Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program</b></p> <p>The Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program is intended to increase the knowledge of agriculture and improve the nutritional health of children and to bring together stakeholders from the distinct parts of the food system to increase the capacity for food, garden, and nutrition education within host organizations or entities, such as school cafeterias and classrooms, while fostering higher levels of community engagement between farms and school systems. The initiative is part of a broader effort to not only increase access to school meals for low-income children, but also to dramatically improve their quality.</p> <p>Who is eligible to apply: State agricultural experiment stations; colleges and universities; university research foundations; other research institutions and organizations; Federal agencies; national laboratories; private organizations, foundations, or corporations; individuals; or any group consisting of 2 or more entities described in this paragraph</p> <p><a href="#">Request for Applications</a> <a href="#">Apply for Grant</a></p> <p>Posted Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018 Closing Date: Monday, July 9, 2018 Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-NIFA-FASLP-006610 Estimated Total Program Funding: \$960,000</p> <hr/> <p><b>Renewable Resources Extension Act-National Focus Fund Projects (RREA-NFF)</b></p> <p>The purpose of the grant program is to provide funds for pilot projects that: (1) Address emerging forest and rangeland resource issues, (2) Have national or regional relevancy, or (3) Develop new and innovative projects that can be replicated at other institutions.</p> <p>Who is eligible to apply: 1862 Land-Grant Institutions, 1890 Land-Grant Institutions</p> <p><a href="#">Request for Applications</a> <a href="#">Apply for Grant</a></p> <p>Posted Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018 Closing Date: Friday, July 20, 2018 Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-NIFA-OP-006611 Estimated Total Program Funding: \$300,000</p>
 <h2>Funding available</h2>	<p><b>Vilecek Foundation Invites Applications for Creative Promise Prizes in Biomedical Science</b></p> <p>SOURCE: Vilecek Foundation APPLICATION DEADLINE: 6/11/18. \$ AVAILABLE: Three Vilecek Prizes for Creative Promise in Biomedical Science of \$50,000 each. ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible, applicants must have been born outside the United States, and must not be more than 38 years old as of December 31, 2018. Eligible applicants also must be a naturalized citizen, permanent resident (green card holder), or holder of an H1B or O-1 visa who has been living and working in the United States for at least five years, or who has been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. In addition, applicants must have earned a doctoral degree (MD, PhD, or equivalent), intend to pursue a professional career in the United States, and hold a full-time position at an academic institution or other organization. Eligible positions include assistant or associate professor, research scientist, or equivalent. PURPOSE: The Vilecek Foundation aims to raise public awareness of the contributions of immigrants to the sciences, arts, and culture in the United States. To that end, the foundation will award Vilecek Prizes for Creative Promise in Biomedical Science of \$50,000 to three young foreign-born biomedical scientists who demonstrate outstanding early achievement. The work of applicants may be in basic, applied, and/or translational biomedical science. CONTACT: Please see URL for contact information. For more information see <a href="http://www.vilecek.org/prizes/creative-promise/biomedical-science.html">http://www.vilecek.org/prizes/creative-promise/biomedical-science.html</a> From The Foundation Center's Philanthropy News Digest web site, accessed 4/27/18 ♦ Subject(s) medical research</p>
<p>Good News: We now have an institutional fellowship subscription to BMJ Case Reports.</p> <p><b>BMJ Case Reports</b></p>	<p>We now have an institutional fellowship subscription to BMJ Case Reports. This means faculty, staff and students can publish with them <b>without paying additional fees</b> or signing up as an individual fellow.</p> <p>From Eric Wilkinson (Library Director): <b>In order to publish with BMJ Case Reports, they'll need a fellowship code. Paul has already added it to our library resources passwords page.</b> People need to use their eraidr username and password to get there because we can't post it publicly. I created a short libguide for the time being just to give more info: <a href="https://tuhsc.libguides.com/bmjcasereports">https://tuhsc.libguides.com/bmjcasereports</a></p> <p>The Gold Rush entry for BMJ Case Reports links to this LibGuide. This LibGuide links to both the passwords page (for the fellowship code) and a PDF User Guide that BMJ provided.</p>
 <h2>Funding Opportunities:</h2>	<p>Please note the following research/scholarship related opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>BBA Molecular Basis of Disease - special topic on Stem Cells:</b></li> <li>- Dr. P. Hemachandra Reddy is bringing a special topic 'Stem Cells and Their Applications to Human Diseases' as a guest editor in BBA Molecular Basis of Disease. He is looking for potential contributors. Please let Dr. Reddy know, if you and your colleagues, young faculty/senior postdocs, in your department are interested to contribute to this special topic. It is a great opportunity to get a publication in BBA Molecular Basis of Disease (impact factor is 5.47).</li> <li>- <b>The Department of Defense (DOD) Congressionally-Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP)</b> has started to release pre-announcements for its fiscal year (FY) 2018 funding opportunities. The pre-announcements explain each research program, topics of interest, as well as award mechanisms. Investigators are encouraged to begin thinking about their proposals in advance of the full application instructions, which are expected in spring/summer 2018. Pre-announcements have been released for the following programs: Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research Program Bone Marrow Failure Research Program Breast Cancer Research Program Multiple Sclerosis Research Program Ovarian Cancer Research Program Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program Gulf War Illness Research Program Lung Cancer Research Program Parkinson's Research Program Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program Peer Reviewed Orthopaedic Research Program Tick-Borne Disease Research Program</li> </ul> <p>Pre-announcements for each program are available at: <a href="http://cdmrp.army.mil/pubs/press/press">http://cdmrp.army.mil/pubs/press/press</a>. To subscribe for real-time updates, including additional pre-announcements and the forthcoming solicitations, visit: <a href="https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/programSubscription/Subscribe.htm?sessionId=365E3297790E4328733F349F4A8FA7E5">https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/programSubscription/Subscribe.htm?sessionId=365E3297790E4328733F349F4A8FA7E5</a>. As a reminder, CDMRP utilizes a two-tier review process: scientific merit (peer-review) and programmatic review. As with other DOD funding opportunities, programmatic review often outweighs scientific review, as DOD is a mission-based agency. CDMRP recently launched a new feedback submission feature to its website. Investigators can use the tool to submit an abstract for feedback or ask questions. Further, stakeholders now have the option to provide input on programs and process recommendations, as well as submit reviewer nominations and other feedback. The form and submission instructions are available at: <a href="http://cdmrp.army.mil/contact">http://cdmrp.army.mil/contact</a>.</p>
<p>Clinical Research Institute is going paperless</p>	<p>The Clinical Research Institute is going paperless! No more writing down or waiting for signatures to submit the work order. The CRI Work Order is now an electronic on-line form.</p> <p>To access to the CRI Work Order, all you need is your eRaider username and password.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, please use the following link to access the on-line form: <a href="https://app4.tuhsc.edu/CRIWorkOrders">https://app4.tuhsc.edu/CRIWorkOrders</a>.</p> <p>Here's what to do: 1) complete the work order 2) electronically submit it 3) the form will automatically be routed to the Principal Investigator</p>

	<p>and then the appropriate Chair and/or Dean for signatures. It is that simple!</p> <p>Please start using the CRI Work Order link immediately: <a href="https://appel.tuhsc.edu/CRIWorkOrders">https://appel.tuhsc.edu/CRIWorkOrders</a>. The CRI website has been updated with this new link and access to the paper form is no longer available.</p> <p>For immediate assistance, please call 806-743-4217 between 8am – 5pm or email your questions to <a href="mailto:ClinicalResearch@tuhsc.edu">ClinicalResearch@tuhsc.edu</a>.</p>
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