



RESEARCH + **INNOVATION**

NEWSLETTER



Four University of Memphis Faculty Selected as 2026-27 Fulbright U.S. Scholars

Four faculty members at the University of Memphis have received the prestigious Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award: Drs. Vania Barraza Toledo, Thomas Goebel, Dennis Laumann and Vasile Rus.

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TIGER Secures \$4.3M to Advance Gambling Harm Prevention, Treatment and Research Across Tennessee

New state investment strengthens clinical services, expands prevention initiatives and reinforces Tennessee's leadership in evidence-based gambling research.

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NIH-Funded Study Explores How Microbiomes Affect Seafood Safety

University of Memphis researchers investigate the hidden world of oyster microbes while providing hands-on research opportunities for undergraduate students.

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Funding Opportunity Advances University Innovations Toward Commercialization

UofM's Office of Technology Transfer Development Grants support faculty innovations with up to \$20,000 in commercialization funding. **Deadline: Sept. 30**

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From Lab to Marketplace: UofM Researcher Earns NSF I-Corps Award

Dr. Yufeng Zhang's sustainable biotechnology innovation advances toward commercialization with support from the National Science Foundation.

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University of Memphis Researcher Earns Top Honors at Tennessee AI Innovation Conference

Dr. Santosh Kumar captures third place in statewide AI pitch competition as researchers, entrepreneurs, and industry leaders showcase the future of artificial intelligence.

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Award Advances University of Memphis Dry Powder Delivery Technology Toward Commercialization

Customer discovery process helps researchers identify real-world applications for an innovative aerosol delivery platform via NSF I-Corps award.

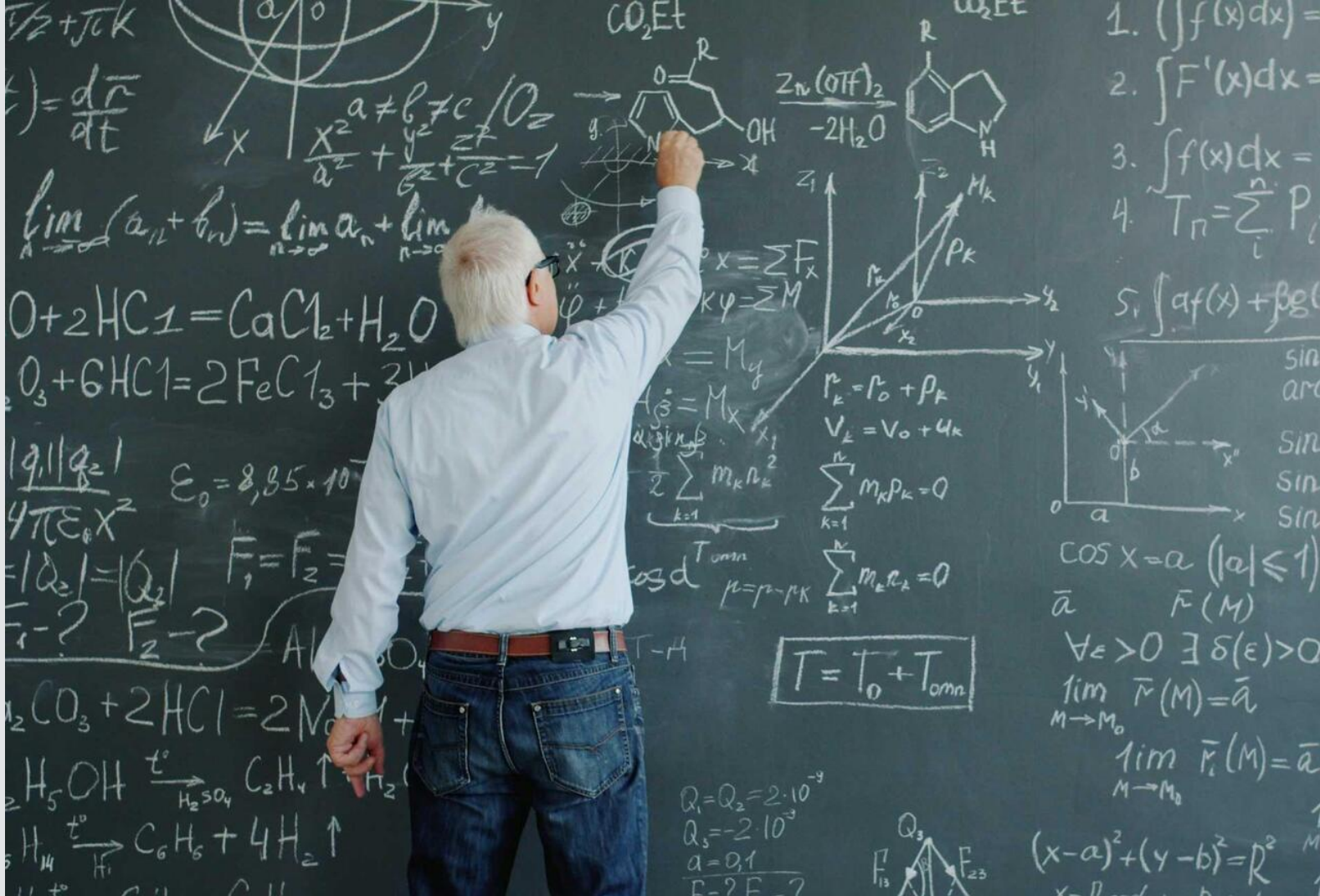
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Proposed Federal Grant Policy Changes Open for Public Comment

OMB revisions to the Uniform Guidance could affect grant administration, allowable costs and proposal review beginning Oct. 1, 2026.

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ARPA-H, DOT, HRSA, NIH, Research Corporation for Science Advancement, USDA

Learn more about recently published funding opportunities and notices from various organizations.

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Calendar of Events and Activities for Research and Innovation: July

Learn about upcoming events with Research and Innovation, the UMRF Research Park and the FedEx Institute of Technology.

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Research Awards June

Dr. Wesley James received \$781,874 from the Delta Health Alliance.

Dr. Meghan McDevitt-Murphy received \$656,652 from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Dr. Angela Hargrave received \$585,822 from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Dr. Thomas Sutter received \$227,307 from the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui-Greenfield received \$200,804 from the U.S. Department of Justice.

- Dr. Nichole Saulsberry-Scarboro** received \$200,000 from the Delta Regional Authority.
- Brigid Welsh** received \$180,869 from the City of Memphis.
- Dr. Jonathan Bennett** received \$175,000 from the Shelby County Government.
- Dr. Thomas Goebel** received \$60,000 from the U.S. Army Research Office.
- Dr. Yufeng Zhang** received \$50,000 from the National Science Foundation.
- Dr. Stephanie Ivey** received \$45,000 from the National Academy of Sciences.
- Dr. Alexander Headley** received \$45,000 from Purdue University.
- Dr. Eunseo Choi** received \$43,000 from the Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources.
- Dr. Fawaz Mzayek** received \$40,000 from the West Clinic P.C.
- Dr. Michelle Brasfield** received \$37,750 from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.
- Dr. Jasbir Dhaliwal** received \$36,250 from the National Science Foundation.
- Dr. Jeffrey Marchetta** received \$36,000 from Vanderbilt University.
- Dr. Katherine Lambert-Pennington** received \$25,000 from the City of Memphis.
- Dr. John Newman** received \$24,893 from the Washington Center for Equitable Growth.
- Mary Schallert** received \$15,000 from the American Athletics Conference.
- Dr. Leah Windsor** received \$4,500 from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

** Data reported on the 18 of each month. Awards finalized after the 18 will be reported the following month.*

[Full project and award details available here.](#)

Upcoming Events and Announcements

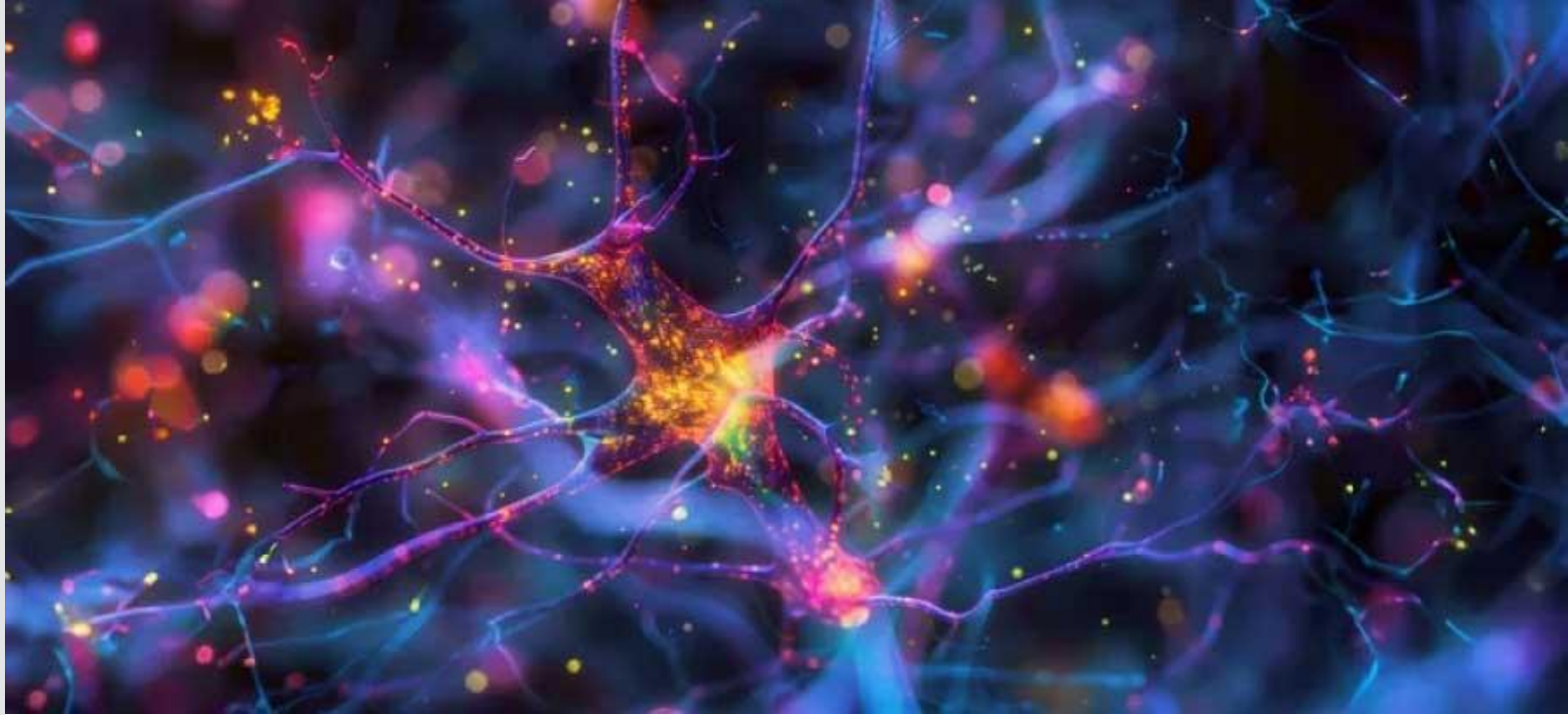


Office of Technology Transfer **Demo Day**

Join the Office of Technology Transfer for Demo Day. Meet six emerging UofM spinout companies commercializing breakthrough technologies in biotech, healthcare, AI, energy and advanced technologies. Hear directly from founders, explore investment opportunities and connect with innovators shaping the future of university research commercialization.

Wednesday, July 8 | 2-4 PM
FedEx Institute of Technology | Fishbowl (203/205)

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FedEx Institute of Technology
**2026 Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioral Neuroscience (CABN)
Workshop**

The Cognitive, Affective and Behavioral Neuroscience (CABN) Workshop brings together researchers from across disciplines to foster collaboration, share research and explore new opportunities in neuroscience. The program includes networking, research presentations, a keynote address by [Dr. Scott Huettel](#) (Duke University) and professional development sessions focused on career advancement and grant writing.

Friday, July 10 | 8:30 AM-5:30 PM
FedEx Institute of Technology | Lobby

For More Information



FedEx Institute of Technology CodeCrew's 12th Annual Hackathon Studio to Startup: The Sound of Innovation

This unique **THREE-DAY** event provides an opportunity for youth to show off their development skills and work on a real-world project to benefit our community.

The event is open to all current and former CodeCrew participants and any other interested students in grades 5th - 12th (2025-26 school year).

Students will be placed into teams and challenged to use computer science skills to solve a local community issue. Hackathon participants will work all day Friday and will return on Saturday to complete their projects. They will be supported by FIT, CodeCrew staff and volunteers from the Memphis tech community.

Thursday, July 16 | 9 AM-5 PM

Friday, July 17 | 9 AM-5 PM

Saturday, July 18 | 9 AM-4 PM

**FedEx Institute of Technology | The Zone (102), Lobby,
Fishbowl (203/205) and Innovation Classroom (225)**

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Microsoft Fabric

FedEx Institute of Technology **Memphis Data Professionals** Microsoft Fabric: Data Flows, Pipelines and Movement (Part 2 of 3)

Join us for the second session in a three-part Microsoft Fabric series designed to help professionals build a practical foundation in Fabric from the ground up. The goal of this series is to move from concept to practical application:

- **Part 1: Microsoft Fabric Foundations**

What Fabric is, how it fits into the Microsoft data ecosystem and how to begin setting it up properly.

- **Part 2: Data Flows, Pipelines, and Movement**

How data moves through Fabric, how pipelines are built and how different pieces of the platform work together.

- **Part 3: Real Live Data in Fabric**

A practical session using real data to show how Fabric can support reporting, analytics and better business decision-making.

Microsoft Fabric brings together data engineering, data integration, warehousing, analytics, Power BI and AI-ready data architecture in one connected environment. This series is built for people who want to understand not just the theory, but how Fabric can actually be used in real organizations.

Come ready to learn, ask questions, and connect with others interested in data, analytics and the Microsoft ecosystem.

Tuesday, July 21 | 5:30-7:00 PM
FedEx Institute of Technology | Innovation Classroom (225)

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CITI Program Training Now Available in "myMemphis" Portal

The University of Memphis CITI Program training is now available in "myMemphis" portal. All researchers (including graduate and undergraduate students) will now have easy access to their CITI training. Once you click on the CITI training tile, it will take you straight to your current CITI training course.

If you have any questions, contact Research Compliance at researchcompliance@memphis.edu.



Research Study Participation Opportunities

Research study participation opportunities should be posted to the main college/departmental website versus individual/PI links to appear in This Week.

- [Center for Information Assurance >](#)
- [Cognition, Language and Speech Lab \(CLaSLab\) >](#)
- [College of Health Sciences >](#)
- [Department of Psychology >](#)
- [Familiarity Study >](#)
- [Hearing Aid Research Laboratory >](#)
- [Pediatric Auditory Research Laboratory >](#)

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