

### Pharmacologist Collins named Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator

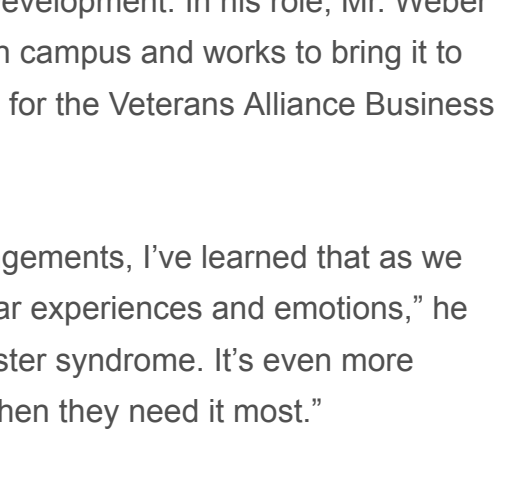
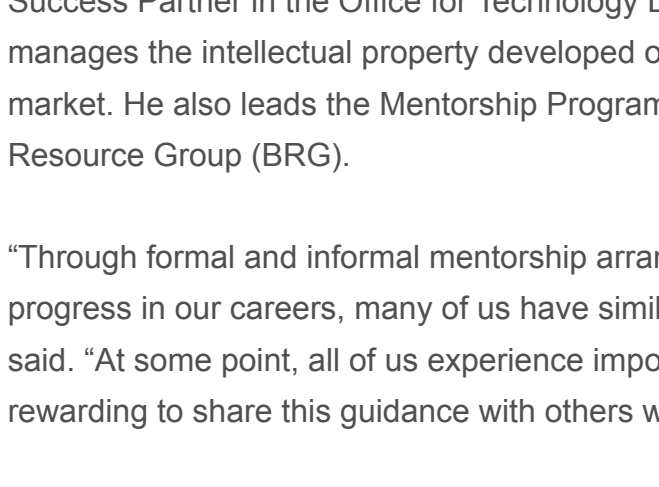
James J. Collins III, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pharmacology, who leads groundbreaking research into the parasitic disease [schistosomiasis](#), is UTSW's newest Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Investigator.

Dr. Collins becomes the [14th current HHMI Investigator at UT Southwestern](#). He was among 26 distinguished scientists nationwide named this week as HHMI Investigators. Each will receive about \$11 million in support over a seven-year period, which is renewable pending a scientific review by HHMI, a philanthropic organization created to advance basic biomedical research and science education for the benefit of humanity.

Second only to malaria as the most devastating parasitic disease, schistosomiasis progresses as female parasitic worms lay millions of eggs inside the host, causing debilitating inflammatory responses and scarring as eggs get trapped in the liver, intestines, or even the brain. Dr. Collins was the first to set up the culture conditions to monitor the reproductive cycle of the worms without having to pass it through a host, which has transformed the understanding of schistosomes.

"I am honored to be selected as an HHMI Investigator and grateful to my lab members, collaborators, my UT Southwestern colleagues, and Chair, David Mangelsdorf, Ph.D., for their tremendous support," Dr. Collins said.

[Read the full news release](#)



### #IAmUTSW

We are proud to celebrate and recognize employees from all areas of UTSW, and through our #IAmUTSW series, we will highlight the careers, accomplishments, and off-the-clock endeavors of UT Southwestern community members.

Today, we shine the spotlight on **Bradley Weber, M.P.A.**, Commercialization Success Partner in the Office for Technology Development. In his role, Mr. Weber manages the intellectual property developed on campus and works to bring it to market. He also leads the Mentorship Program for the Veterans Alliance Business Resource Group (BRG).

"Through formal and informal mentorship arrangements, I've learned that as we progress in our careers, many of us have similar experiences and emotions," he said. "At some point, all of us experience imposter syndrome. It's even more rewarding to share this guidance with others when they need it most."

Mr. Weber says the BRG's efforts to unite veterans and allies at UT Southwestern foster a welcome sense of military camaraderie. To see more photos and learn more about Mr. Weber and his experience at UTSW, visit our institutional Instagram account.

Do you know an employee who would make a great #IAmUTSW feature? Let us know, by emailing [social@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:social@utsouthwestern.edu).

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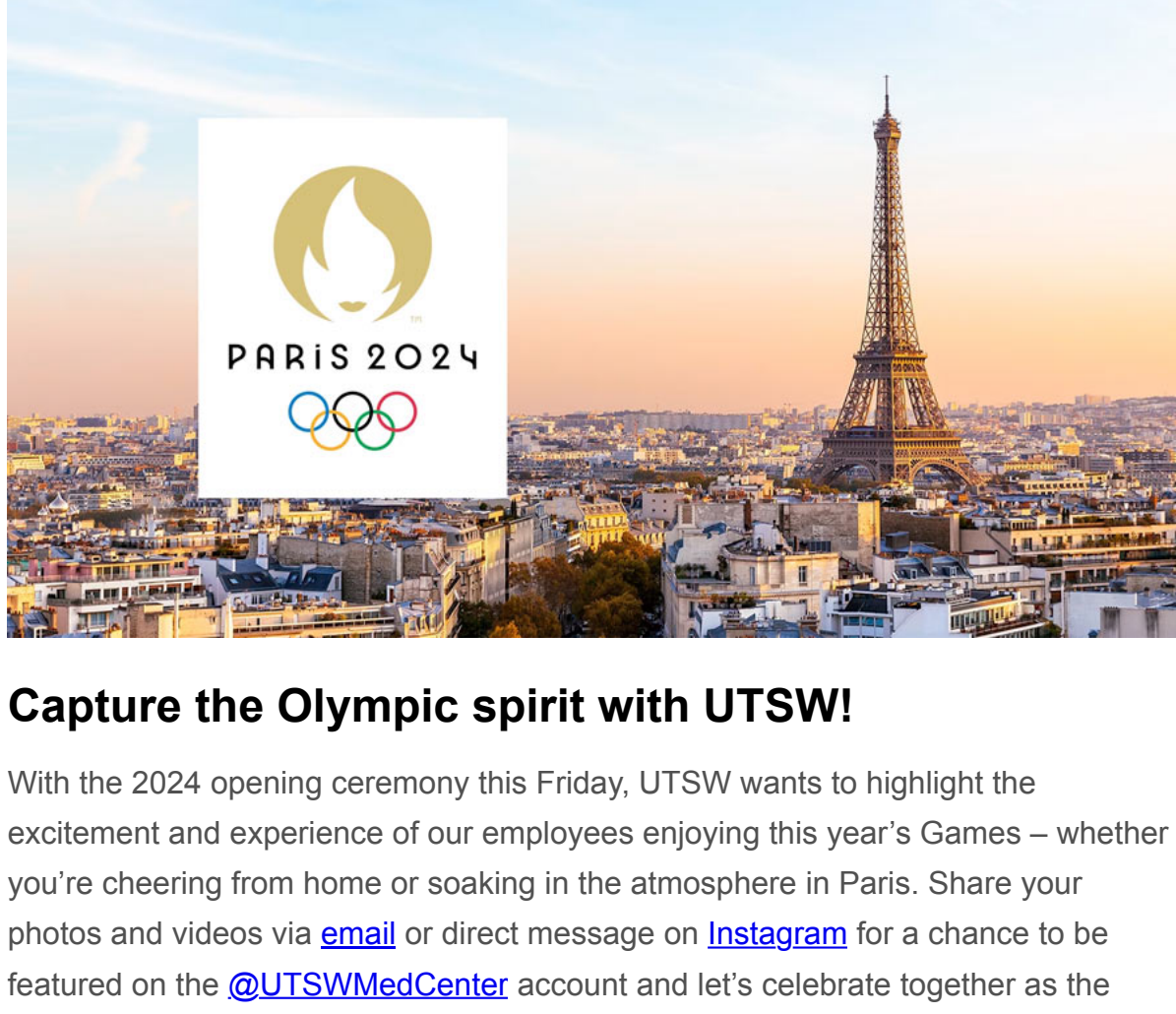


### Ending July 31: Ivanti VPN access

As a reminder, one week from today, UT Southwestern plans to complete the transition from Ivanti to GlobalProtect. All UTSW VPN users who have not migrated to GlobalProtect by that date will no longer have VPN access to UTSW.

For information and instructions on installing and using GlobalProtect, visit: [GlobalProtect VPN SharePoint Page](#).

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the service desk at 214-648-7600 or via email at [servicesdesk@UTSouthwestern.edu](mailto:servicesdesk@UTSouthwestern.edu).



### AI takes center stage at inaugural symposium

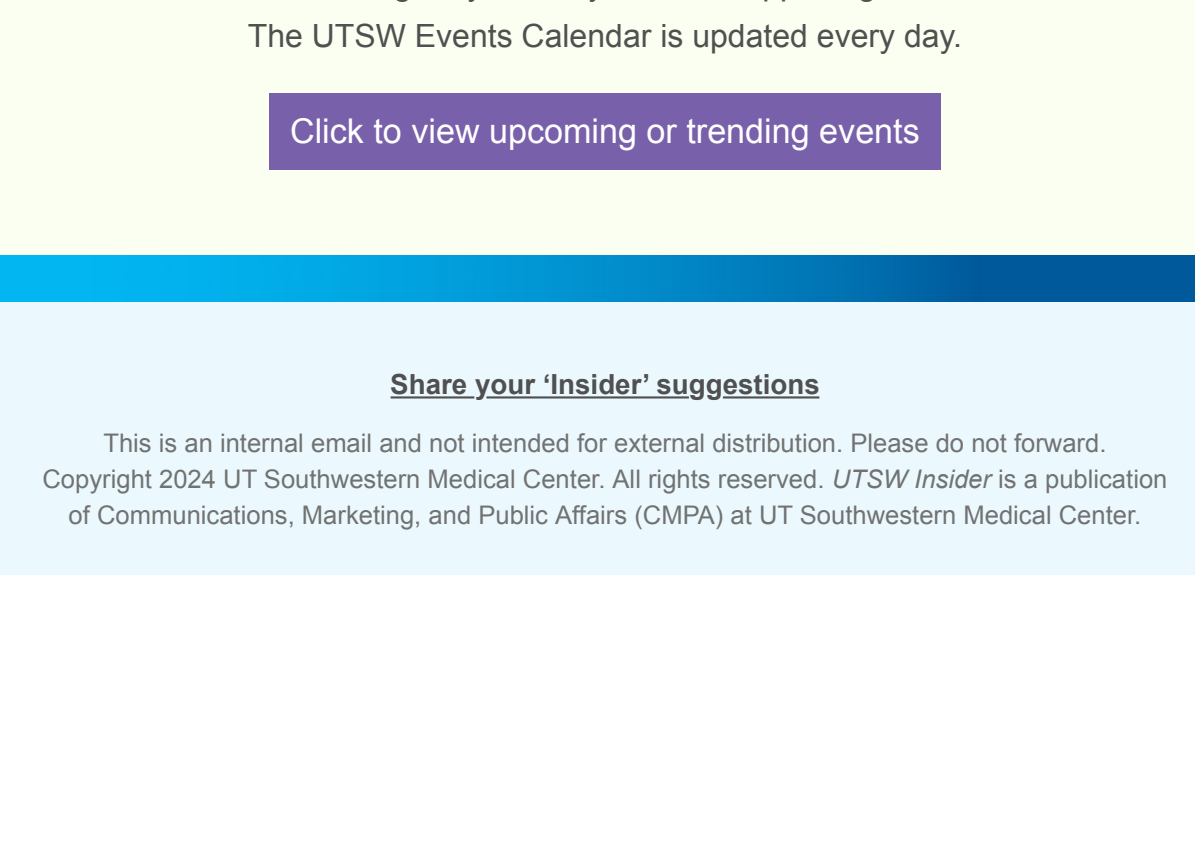
How can artificial intelligence transform health care in the most effective, ethical ways? This question was the central focus of the inaugural UT System AI Symposium in Health Care earlier this summer.

The UT Southwestern-hosted event gathered more than 700 physicians, researchers, educators, legislators, and industry experts in person and virtually to explore the topic.

The event featured panel discussions, poster sessions, short plenary talks, and a presentation on industry and academic partnerships with executives from Microsoft, Amazon, and Google discussing AI innovations and guardrails with leaders from UTSW, UTHealth Houston, Dell Medical School at UT Austin, and Stanford.

"My sense is that just about every discipline of medicine will be changed, from how we do our research and make our discoveries to how we treat our patients to how we conduct our operations to, ultimately, how we train the next generation of medical care providers," said **Eric Peterson, M.D., M.P.H.**, Professor of Internal Medicine and Vice Provost and Senior Associated Dean for Clinical Research at UTSW and one of the organizers of the symposium.

Read more about the inaugural symposium in a new article on [Center Times Plus](#).



### Capture the Olympic spirit with UTSW!

With the 2024 opening ceremony this Friday, UTSW wants to highlight the excitement and experience of our employees enjoying this year's Games – whether you're cheering from home or soaking in the atmosphere in Paris. Share your photos and videos via [email](#) or direct message on [Instagram](#) for a chance to be featured on the [@UTSWMedCenter](#) account and let's celebrate together as the world takes part in this global event!

Don't forget to keep an eye on our social channels for special Olympic-themed posts in the coming weeks and give us a follow if you haven't already.

### Insider Guide



#### Financial webinar: "Mastering the Basics of Investing"

11 a.m.-noon, July 30 | Virtual

Financial vendor Corebridge will host this virtual session focusing on the fundamentals of investing, building a portfolio, managing multiple investment accounts, and using tools for building a secure financial future. Please register to attend.

[Info and registration](#)



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