



Take a moment to make a difference

The annual State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) of Texas is underway! The SECC offers a simple way to collectively make a big difference. Whether your charitable intentions are bold or modest this year, you can easily direct contributions through payroll deductions or one-time gifts to [more than 1,000](#) causes ranging from human rights and animal welfare to environmental cleanup and health care. If even half of all state employees donate \$2 per paycheck, we could raise \$3 million to help fellow Texans in need. Please take a moment to investigate an opportunity that best reflects your values by visiting our SECC site or sending a question to secc-campaign@utsouthwestern.edu.

[SECC details - VPN required](#)

Celebrating our APPs

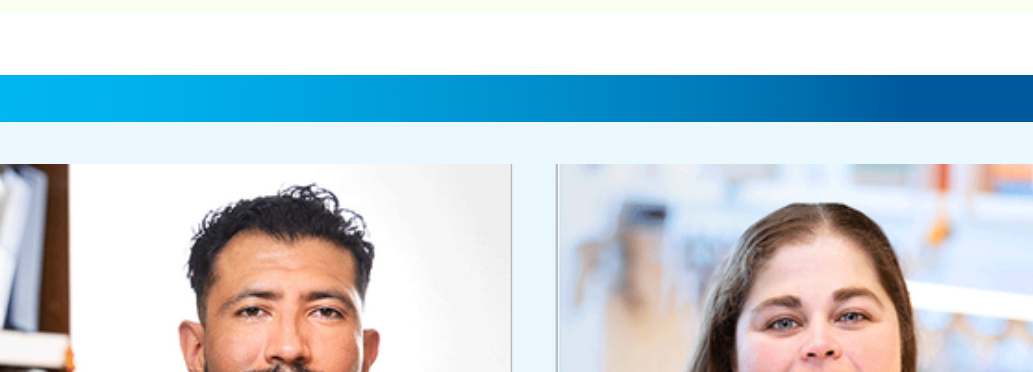
At UT Southwestern, Advanced Practice Providers (APPs) deliver care in our University Hospital and clinics, Children’s Health campuses, and regional affiliate hospitals. Five professional groups fall under the APP umbrella: Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Clinical Nurse Specialists, and Certified Nurse Midwives.

With today marking the kickoff of APP Celebration Week (Sept. 25-29), we hope you join us in recognizing these colleagues for their contributions.

Our nearly 1,000 APPs help support UTSW’s mission, working collaboratively with attending physicians to ensure that patients have timely access to the highest quality of evidence-based care. Approximately 660 of our APPs work with adult patients and more than 300 serve in pediatric specialties.

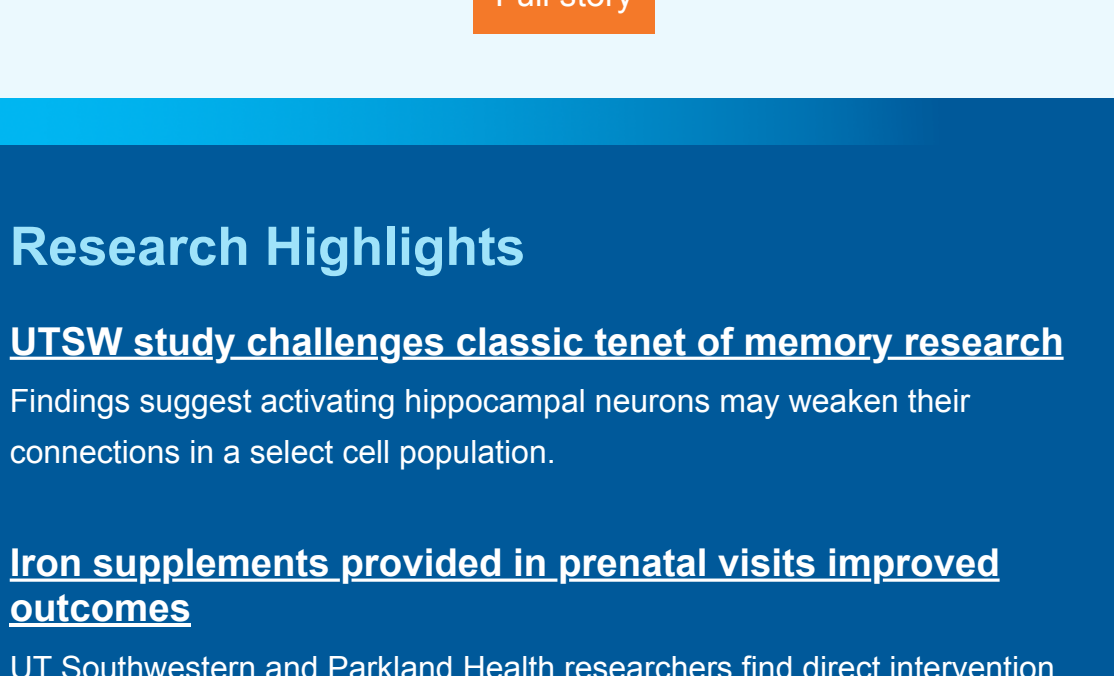
Among the UTSW APP workforce, 900 have earned a master’s degree, and 88 hold doctoral degrees (including Ph.D., D.N.P., and D.N.A.P.).

In appreciation for their work, they will be celebrated daily through various activities, culminating in the APP Celebration Week Excellence Awards ceremony Sept. 29.



APPs at UTSW: By the numbers

- 511** Nurse Practitioners
- 363** Physician Assistants
- 102** Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
- 9** Clinical Nurse Specialists
- 5** Certified Nurse Midwives



Two UTSW researchers awarded Hanna H. Gray Fellowships

UT Southwestern postdoctoral researchers Lisandro Maya-Ramos, M.D., Ph.D., and Alexandra Wells, Ph.D., have been named by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) as 2023 Hanna H. Gray Fellows. They are among just 25 scientists nationwide to receive the prestigious fellowships, which are designed to retain early-career scientists dedicated to basic research in the biomedical and life science disciplines.

Dr. Maya-Ramos is a clinician who sees patients with a rare heart condition that he believes may be caused by metabolism issues. He plans to use his fellowship to investigate how a fat tissue-derived peptide signals to the heart, resulting in inflammation and fibrosis (stiffness).

Dr. Wells studies how the body defends against viral infections, with a recent emphasis on COVID-19. During her fellowship, she hopes to identify specific proteins that inhibit enteroviruses and flaviviruses, mosquito-borne pathogens that include West Nile and Zika viruses, and yellow fever.

[Full story](#)

Research Highlights

[UTSW study challenges classic tenet of memory research](#)

Findings suggest activating hippocampal neurons may weaken their connections in a select cell population.

[Iron supplements provided in prenatal visits improved outcomes](#)

UT Southwestern and Parkland Health researchers find direct intervention reduces anemia and transfusions among vulnerable patients.

Insider Guide



Beth Levine, M.D. Prize in Autophagy Research Award

3 p.m., Oct. 3
Tom and Gooch Auditorium

You’re invited to the first-ever award ceremony for the recently established Levine Prize. The event includes a lecture from the award’s inaugural recipient, [Noboru Mizushima, M.D., Ph.D.](#), an internationally recognized researcher from the University of Tokyo. View the [news release](#) to learn more.

[RSVP](#)



Komen Greater Fort Worth More Than Pink Walk

7 a.m., Sept. 30
Shops at Clearfork, Fort Worth

Join our “Mammograms Matter” team in Fort Worth to usher in Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Bring friends and family for a day of inspiration and exercise for a great cause. UTSW’s Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center and Moncrief Cancer Institute are sponsors of the event.

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UTSW Events Calendar

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