

UT Southwestern Medical Center®

Director of Research Development
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Dallas, Texas

THE SEARCH

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UT Southwestern) invites applications and nominations for the position of Director of Research Development. This inaugural role will provide the opportunity to build and lead a team dedicated to advancing large grants, from conception to submission. Reporting jointly to the Vice Provost and Dean for Basic Sciences and the Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research, the Director will collaborate with research leadership, research administration, and faculty to conceive and submit multi-PI grants, including PPGs, multi-PI R grants, and non-NIH grants.

UT Southwestern is one of the premier academic medical centers in the United States, integrating cutting-edge research with exceptional clinical care. UT Southwestern scientists are currently leading about 5,800 research projects with more than \$719 million in support from the National Institutes of Health, the state of Texas, foundations, individuals, and corporations. UT Southwestern operates an NCATS-funded CTSA, an NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center, and many other departments, centers, and institutes spanning the campus. Clinically, UT Southwestern Medical Center operates its own health system and supports many affiliated health systems in the area, including Parkland Health, Children's Health, Texas Health Resources, and the VA North Texas Health Care System, providing care for millions of residents in North Texas.

The Director will serve as an organizing force for complex, team-based grants, identifying opportunities, convening faculty, and facilitating grant submissions. The Director will build a research development department to serve as project managers, editors, and collaborators, ensuring grants are cohesive, comprehensive, and meet the requirements of the sponsoring organization. As the team grows, the opportunity to expand the reach of the position can scale to include supporting individual grant submissions.

The Director will have experience working with faculty in an academic or research setting, with experience working with extramural grants and/or contracts. The ideal candidate will have a master's degree, and preferably a doctoral degree, in a scientific or healthcare-related field, journalism, or a related field.

UT Southwestern has engaged Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist in the search. Applications, inquiries, and nominations may be submitted via the instructions at the end of the document.

UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER

UT Southwestern Medical Center is located in the heart of the Southwestern Medical District, a nearly 400-acre medical complex 10 minutes north of downtown Dallas. It is the only academic medical center within the Dallas-Fort Worth area, serving a population of over seven million and generating more than \$4 billion in revenue.

UT Southwestern Medical Center has four schools: UT Southwestern Medical School, UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, UT Southwestern School of Health Professions, and UT Southwestern Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health. The schools train approximately 4,000 students, residents, and postdoctoral fellows each year.

UT Southwestern Medical School

UT Southwestern Medical School is part of the University of Texas System and one of the nation's top 25 medical schools. The Medical School graduates approximately 230 students each year, making it also one of the largest medical schools in the country. Educating and training the next generation of physicians is a core mission. To ensure that UT Southwestern students are fully prepared for the future, the curriculum focuses on the integration of basic science education with patient care training and experience, team-based learning, and meaningful mentorship opportunities.

The Perot Family Scholars Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) at UT Southwestern offers a combined MD/PhD degree from UT Southwestern Medical School and UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in an academically rigorous environment. The school also collaborates on dual-degree programs for MD/PhD degrees and MD/MBA degrees. UTSW has the largest graduate medical education program in Texas, with more than 1,400 clinical residents and fellows who are completing their medical education with postgraduate specialty and subspecialty training.

UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

The UT Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences offers degrees in basic and clinical sciences, encompassing more than 1,000 predoctoral and postdoctoral students. The Graduate School provides students with exceptional opportunities to work with internationally recognized faculty, along with access to more than one million square feet of state-of-the-art research space and more than 40 core lab facilities.

UT Southwestern School of Health Professions

The UT Southwestern School of Health Professions is a leader in training students to meet the challenges and opportunities in clinical nutrition, genetic counseling, medical laboratory sciences, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, and prosthetics-orthotics.

UT Southwestern Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health

The UT Southwestern Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health is the fourth school to be created in the UT Southwestern Medical Center. The Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health has access to several very large health care systems across North Texas, including William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, Children's Health, Texas Health Resources, Parkland Health & Hospital System, Scottish Rite for Children, and the Veterans Administration North Texas Health System. The School employs the public health methodologies of epidemiology, health policy, quantitative and data science, health systems science, health behavior, and dissemination and implementation science to identify and address public health challenges.

Research at UT Southwestern Medical Center

As one of the world's foremost research institutions, UT Southwestern fosters "no-fence" multidisciplinary research and rigorous scientific training in both basic and clinical research. With a superb international reputation for life-changing research that has led to some of the most important discoveries of our generation, UT Southwestern's researchers make a difference.

UT Southwestern is home to many nationally and internationally recognized scientists and physicians, including six Nobel Laureates since 1985, 26 members of the National Academy of Sciences, 18 members of the National Academy of Medicine, and one member of the National Academy of Engineering. UT Southwestern is also home to 14 Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Investigators and, as faculty members in basic science departments, their recognized leadership is an important source of the organization's strengths in biomedical research. Faculty members' investigations, ranging from the basic mechanistic level to patient care as a whole, continue to bring about notable discoveries, important educational opportunities, and advanced treatment options for improved health care.

Since UT Southwestern's inception, research has been the cornerstone upon which outstanding medical education and patient care have been built. The discoveries of UT Southwestern's faculty and other teams have transformed science and medicine and set a standard of scientific excellence. The example set by the Nobel Laureates and other leading faculty has also helped establish a well-entrenched culture of collaboration and collegiality, making UT Southwestern a highly unique academic environment.

ROLE OF THE DIRECTOR

This high-level position will lead UT Southwestern Medical School's effort to increase the number of large, program-project style grant applications to federal and national funding sources. The Director will work with basic scientists and clinical researchers, bringing together faculty with shared interests and complimentary research programs and supporting the grant-writing process. This position reports directly to the Vice Provost and Dean of Basic Research with an indirect reporting relationship to the Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean of Clinical Research.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

Required

- Bachelor's degree in a scientific field; healthcare; journalism, with a focus on science; or a related field.
- Eight years of experience working with faculty in an academic or research setting, including a track record of effective communication as well as familiarity with extramural grants and/or contracts.

Preferred

- PhD or master's degree is strongly preferred.
- Previous supervisory experience preferred or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

APPLICATIONS, INQUIRIES, AND NOMINATIONS

Screening of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the completion of the search process. Inquiries, nominations, referrals, and CVs with cover letters should be sent via the Isaacson, Miller website: imsearch.com/open-searches/university-texas-southwestern-medical-center/director-research-development. Electronic submission of materials is strongly encouraged.

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