

Office of Community Engagement and Outreach



Governor's Chair Appointed to National Science Foundation Board

[Suresh Babu](#), UT–Oak Ridge National Laboratory Governor's Chair for Advanced Manufacturing, was [appointed to a six-year term on the National Science Foundation Board](#).

Campus Updates

[UT Updates and Information on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Diversity and Engagement Faculty Fellow Opportunities

The Division of Diversity and Engagement is currently seeking to fill three Faculty Fellow positions for AY 2020-2021. [Two positions will provide skills that advance diversity, equity, and inclusion of minoritized students, faculty, and staff.](#)

[Another opportunity is available in the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach \(OCEO\).](#) This position will provide leadership related to the Imagine Tennessee Program.

Imagine Tennessee Call for Proposals

OCEO's Imagine Tennessee program is [accepting new proposal submissions for projects beginning in Summer 2020](#). Interdisciplinary submissions that address a diverse range of perspectives and expertise are encouraged. Projects that address issues created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged.

Senior Leadership Positions Filled



UT has filled two positions within the chancellor's cabinet. After a nationwide search, [Frank Cuevas has assumed the role of vice chancellor for student life](#). Cuevas has served in this position on an interim basis since January.



Beginning August 1, [Deborah Crawford will join the university as vice chancellor for research](#). Crawford will develop and implement UT's research infrastructure and partner with others to oversee the new Oak Ridge Institute.

Vaughn Named as Director



The Haslam College of Business has named [Clarence Vaughn as the new Director of Diversity and Community Relations](#), formerly held by Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Engagement, Tyvi Small.

Lending Expertise During COVID-19

UT Partners with Tennessee Department of Education to Support Principals Virtually During Pandemic

[The Center for Education Leadership will partner with the Tennessee Department of Education](#) to provide professional development to principals across the state. This initiative is funded by philanthropic support and Tennessee SCORE, and in-kind support will be provided by the university, through faculty and staff in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences.



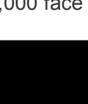
UTHSC Professor Discusses COVID-19's Burden on Black Women

Dr. Altha Stewart, chief of social and community psychiatry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in

Memphis [was featured on a special edition of OZY's Black Women OWN the Conversation focusing on black women and COVID-19.](#)

Mindfulness Sessions at UTM

Professors in the College of Communication and Information and the College of Social Work have collaborated to [lead weekly sessions in mindfulness-based stress reduction.](#)

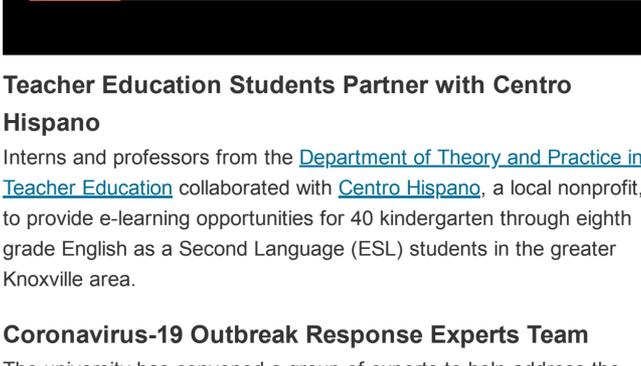


MAYORAL VISIT

UT Labs present COVID-19 shields

County Mayor Visits UT Labs

Knox County Mayor Glen Jacobs toured the [Innovation and Collaboration Studio \(ICS\)](#) in the Tickle College of Engineering. ICS is one of the labs where 3D printers were used to manufacture over 10,000 face shields for frontline workers across the state.



WIN-WIN FOR ESL

UT partners with Centro Hispano

Teacher Education Students Partner with Centro Hispano

Interns and professors from the [Department of Theory and Practice in Teacher Education](#) collaborated with [Centro Hispano](#), a local nonprofit, to provide e-learning opportunities for 40 kindergarten through eighth grade English as a Second Language (ESL) students in the greater Knoxville area.

Coronavirus-19 Outbreak Response Experts Team

The university has convened a group of experts to help address the response to COVID-19. [The Coronavirus-19 Outbreak Response Experts \(CORE-19\)](#) team is made up of researchers in public health, economics, public policy, agriculture, veterinary medicine, and other disciplines.



TNSDC Provides COVID-19 Resource

The [Tennessee State Data Center](#) in the Haslam College of Business has created [a dashboard of COVID-19 indicators for the state.](#)

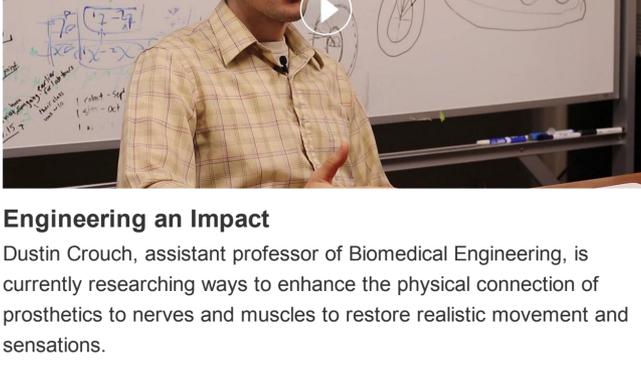


Disease-Resistant Buildings and Infrastructure for Resilience to COVID-19

Containment has become a hot topic in public health, safety since the reopening of the economy. As indoor transmission has been one of the top methods to the spread of COVID-19, professor Qiang He and assistant professor Shuai Li have paired their expertise in environmental microbiology and infrastructure engineering to pursue a unique and novel strategy—[disease-resistant buildings resilient to pathogen transmission](#). The need for this type of research led the duo to be awarded a Rapid Response Research (RAPID) grant from the [National Science Foundation](#) to advance their novel concept.



Engaging the Community



Engineering an Impact

Dustin Crouch, assistant professor of Biomedical Engineering, is currently researching ways to enhance the physical connection of prosthetics to nerves and muscles to restore realistic movement and sensations.

New App Helps Patients Communicate

Rebecca Koszalinski, assistant professor in nursing, has created [an app to better help the patients communicate with healthcare professions](#). Within a click on a smartphone, the 'Speak For Myself-Voice' app allows patients to select the phrases they wish to tell their nurse or doctor. Before the app nurses and doctors relied on reading lips for those who are unable to communicate.

Professor Hopes to Improve Active Shooter Situations

Subhadeep Chakraborty, associate professor, in the Department of Mechanical, Aerospace and Biomedical Engineering is [working with a group of researchers to develop Active Shooter Tracking and Evacuation Routing for Survival \(ASTERS\).](#)

Community Updates

[The Governor's Office Has Released Guidelines for Reopening](#)

Community Offers Meals to Go

The [Change Center](#) is serving those in need on Wednesdays and Wednesdays. For more information call 951-1567 or email info@changecenterknoxville.com.

Points of Light Conference

The [Points of Light Conference](#) is the world's largest service-related convening focused on sharing knowledge, resources, and connections needed to galvanize the power of people to create change. This year's online digital community will be held June 10-12.

Funding Opportunities

Office of Research Accepting Notification of Interest for NSF INCLUDES Alliance

NSF is continuing to offer opportunities that have a potential to broaden participation of underrepresented and underserved groups in STEM. For more information about the [INCLUDES Alliance](#) contact Hannah Schmidt at hschmidt@utk.edu.

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