

## Nominate your colleagues for the 2019 Presidential Awards

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**The nomination process for the 2019 Presidential Excellence Awards is now open with a submission deadline of November 16.**

Established in 1985, the Presidential Awards recognize exemplary performance by individuals who consistently excel in their positions and demonstrate a strong commitment to the mission and core values of UT Health San Antonio.

The awards provide the university the opportunity to recognize faculty and staff contributions with six signature honors in four categories. These honors are accompanied by public accolades and a special dinner event in March at which time an award plaque and a monetary award are presented.

The signature categories include:

### CLINICAL EXCELLENCE

- Physician
- Non-physician

### RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

- Junior Scholar (clinical and basic science)
- Distinguished Scholar

### TEACHING EXCELLENCE

- Emerging
- Sustained

### EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE

- Individual
- Team



### Presidential Award for Clinical Excellence:

Recognizes excellence in clinical service provided by UT Health San Antonio faculty. The award celebrates the outstanding practitioners whose skillful and compassionate care makes better the lives of our patients and their families. Nominations are open for two categories of the award. Because the domains of physician practice and non-physician practice are distinct, nominations may be submitted under the category of **outstanding physician practice** or **outstanding non-physician practice**, including dentistry, nursing, and the allied health professions. Visit the [Clinical Excellence Award page on My UT Health](#) for detailed information about the nomination process and forms or contact the Office of the Vice President for Academic, Student & Faculty Affairs.

### Presidential Junior Research Scholar Award:

Honors remarkable investigators at UT Health San Antonio who began their independent research within the past five years (e.g. Assistant Professor, less than 5 years). These scholars demonstrate mastery in their field and show significant potential

for continued success. Two awards in this category will be conferred in FY 2019: one to recognize a **rising clinical research scholar** and one to spotlight a **rising basic science research scholar**. For additional information go to the [Junior Research Scholar Award page on My UT Health](#) for detailed information about the nomination process and forms, or contact the Office of the Vice President for Academic, Faculty & Student Affairs.

### Presidential Distinguished Senior Research Scholar Award:

Is a distinction which befits the best of our academic colleagues at UT Health San Antonio. The awardee is a premier scholar who has made major contributions to the theory, research and/or practice of his/her discipline; holds stature as a pre-eminent national and/or international expert in the discipline; and has made substantial contributions to research at UT Health San Antonio. For additional information visit the [Distinguished Senior Research Scholar Award page on My UT Health](#) for detailed information about the nomination process and forms, or contact the Office of the Vice President for Academic, Faculty & Student Affairs.



### Presidential Teaching Excellence:

Recognizes outstanding educators at UT Health San Antonio. Two categories of the Presidential Teaching Excellence Awards will be recognized. The Presidential Awards for **Emerging Excellence in Teaching** will be accorded to faculty with less than ten years' teaching experience who have demonstrated emerging excellence and innovation in teaching. Detailed information about this category of [teaching awards is found at My UT Health](#) or through the Office of the Vice President for Academic, Faculty & Student Affairs. The Presidential Awards for **Sustained Excellence in Teaching** will be accorded to faculty whose depth of pedagogical excellence has been sustained for ten or more years and who have been nationally recognized for innovative practices that have been embedded in educational practice in the discipline. Detailed information about this category of [teaching](#)

[awards is found at My UT Health](#) or you may contact the Office of the Vice President for Academic, Faculty & Student Affairs.

### Presidential Employee Excellence in Service and Team Award:

The Presidential Employee Excellence in Service Award recognizes members who have made noteworthy and distinctive contributions to UT Health San Antonio by modeling our core values and serving our missions of education, research, patient care and community engagement. There are two categories under this award: **Individual** and a **team** award. The team may consist of faculty and staff who have demonstrated overall exceptional contributions that align with our core values. For more information, please visit the [Employee Excellence Award page on My UT Health](#) or you may contact the Office of Human Resources.

## UT Health San Antonio's Annual Gifts for Children is in full swing!

You may have noticed there are several boxes placed throughout UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center for our annual Gifts for Children project. UT Health San Antonio began this program 29 years ago to spread joy and cheer to children in our local hospitals and to give back to our community during the holidays. Last year we were able to deliver over 5000+ toys, clothes and books to the children. The gifts we collect go to children in the following university related hospitals and clinics, and we have expanded to other organizations:

- Children with AIDS
- UT PREMIERE Program
- University Child Life mentoring program (books)
- Haven for Hope
- UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center
- AVANCE, Inc. Parent-Child Education Program
- Methodist Children's Hospital
- University Hospital



Please donate a **NEW** toy (do not gift wrap), or you can make a monetary donation. We will handle the gifts and/or monetary donations and will bring them to:

### UT Health San Antonio's Holiday Tree

on Tuesday, Nov. 27, in the AAB Building-Main Lobby

### We have several boxes located throughout the building:

- 6th floor, Urschel, Londa Bridges
- 6th floor, Urschel, Janet Goebel
- 5th floor, Zeller, Anabel Rivas office
- 5th floor, Urschel Division of Clinical Informatics Research
- 5th floor, Urschel, U5.520 & Division of Information Systems
- 5th floor, Urschel, U5.525 by Margie Guevara

Let's join together to make the holidays a special time for the children in our community and their families.

*Gift suggestion list attached.*



# LET'S GET OUR HALLOW-O-FUN ON!

## Employee Appreciation Halloween Party!

Wednesday, October 31

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Mabee Conference Room

## Fun Attire While Keeping Our Patients Top of Mind

The attire listed below has been approved to wear throughout October. It's important that we always keep our patients top-of-mind as we celebrate and acknowledge important causes and fun holidays in October.

- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** – This Friday is your last opportunity to wear pink shirts with your scrub pants! Go PINK!
- **Halloween – October 31** – Staff are permitted to wear Halloween attire as long as:
  - You can be identified. No masks or heavy make-up.
  - Your badge must be on and visible.
  - No inappropriate costumes.
  - No scary costumes.

## Cancer Center Research Symposium

Join us for UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center's Annual Research Symposium at Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute. The symposium features three invited keynote speakers and a competitive poster session where predoctoral and postdoctoral students and fellows from UT Health San Antonio will showcase their cancer research projects.

## Cancer Center Research Symposium

Monday, November 12

7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute  
8403 Floyd Curl Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78229

For more information [click here](#).

To register, email [mccsymposium@uthscsa.edu](mailto:mccsymposium@uthscsa.edu).

## Report a Problem

Each of us is responsible for making sure our patients have a great experience while in the Cancer Center. Facilities Management works very hard to ensure our facilities are in good repair, are comfortable and safe and an attractive place for our patients to receive quality cancer care. In order to do this, we need your help. If you see something, say something, whether it's a cracked ceiling tile, a drip from all of the rain we have been getting, or a stain on the carpet. Please report any problem to Facilities through the [Report A Problem Link](#).

## SOCIAL MEDIA & WEB ADDRESS UPDATES

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