



# THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE KNOXVILLE

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

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**July 2023**

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## NEWS

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Curated Resource Guide

## Disability Pride Month

July is Disability Pride Month, a celebration of the pride felt by those individuals with disabilities.

Beginning as Disability Pride Day to recognize the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio declared July as Disability Pride Month in 2015 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of this civil rights law. Although not a nationally recognized observance, the month continues to be recognized by the disabled community as a celebration of heritage, disability culture, and the unique experiences and contributions of people with disabilities.

To recognize and celebrate this month, the College of Education, Health & Human Sciences created a curated list of resources centering disabled voices and stories, which can be found [here](#). These resources are available through the UT Library and online.

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**UTK Family Fun Day**



UTK FAMILY

FUN DAY

SATURDAY  
AUG 5TH  
12:30 - 2:30 PM

CHANGE CENTER  
203 HARRIET TUBMAN STREET  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37915

**FREE**

- Bouncy House
- Food
- Skating
- School Supplies for Attendees

Join us for the University of Tennessee's 2nd Annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at [the Change Center](#). Participants will enjoy food, fun, skating, receive school supplies as we celebrate the university's employees and their families.

It's not too late to support this important event. Here is the list of suggested [supplies](#) to donate. To sign up to donate school supplies, please click the button below. All donations are due by August 1st. Questions should be directed to Quannah Washington at [qwashing@utk.edu](mailto:qwashing@utk.edu).

## Shoes for School



The Knoxville Area Urban League wants to take big steps for the event's 21st anniversary. Their goal is to provide 2,000 pairs of shoes to area children. The University of Tennessee is a proud sponsor of the event, providing school supplies and backpacks to each student. The University is already registered and has a booth for volunteers to pass out supplies.

A list of acceptable donations can be found at "[Recommended Donation Supplies](#)." We encourage you to bring enough supplies for as many young scholars as possible. The deadline for submitting supplies is August 1. This is an excellent opportunity for your team members to show their Volunteer spirit!

If you or your department are interested in volunteering and/or donating supplies, please click the button below. Questions should be sent to the [qwashing@utk.edu](mailto:qwashing@utk.edu).

[Volunteer/ Donation Sign up](#)

[Learn More About Shoes for School](#)

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## Volkswagen, UT Partnership Drives Tennessee's Innovation Economy





Across the river at [UT Research Park at Cherokee Farm](#), UT faculty and Volkswagen scientists are working side-by-side on technologies that will change how we build, power and drive vehicles — both here in the United States and around the world. Following the announcement last month that UT is expanding its partnership with the global automaker, Chancellor Donde Plowman talked about the importance of the collaboration and how it is helping to position Tennessee for the future.

[Read More Here](#)

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## New Southern Ag Today Platform

The [University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture \(UTIA\)](#) and extension economists from 12 other land-grant universities have been instrumental in the successful launch of [Southern Ag Today](#), a new digital platform featuring daily news, articles and resources related to issues affecting agriculture in the South.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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### Knoxville College Mayoral Forum



# 2023 MAYORAL FORUM



**JOIN US @ THE HISTORIC  
MCMILLIAN/REESE CHAPEL**  
901 KNOXVILLE COLLEGE DRIVE

**MONDAY  
JULY 24, 2023  
@ 5PM**

2023 CANDIDATES

**BURAK ER  
CONSTANCE M. EVERY  
INDYA KINCANNON (INCUMBENT)  
R.C. LAWHORN  
JEFF TALMAN**



**MODERATOR:  
VIVIAN SHIPE**  
FOUNDER/ DIRECTOR - "I AM" THE  
VOICE OF THE VOICELESS



CITY OF KNOXVILLE

**REMINDER:  
MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023 - FINAL DAY TO  
REGISTER TO VOTE BEFORE ELECTION**

## **Baker School Opens Applications**

The Baker School Experts program, hosted at the new [Baker School for Public Policy and Public Affairs](#), is accepting applications for Affiliates for the new Center for Energy, Transportation, & Environmental Policy (CETEP) and the Center for National Security and Foreign Affairs (NSFA). Baker School Experts are partners in identifying solutions to the major policy challenges of our time and are essential to achieving the research centers' missions of

providing critical insights on domestic and international challenges through interdisciplinary research, experiential education, and policy engagement. This opportunity is open to scholars and professionals from across the UT system as well as external organizations. Applications are due **Friday, July 28**.

[Application Link](#)

[Questions?](#)



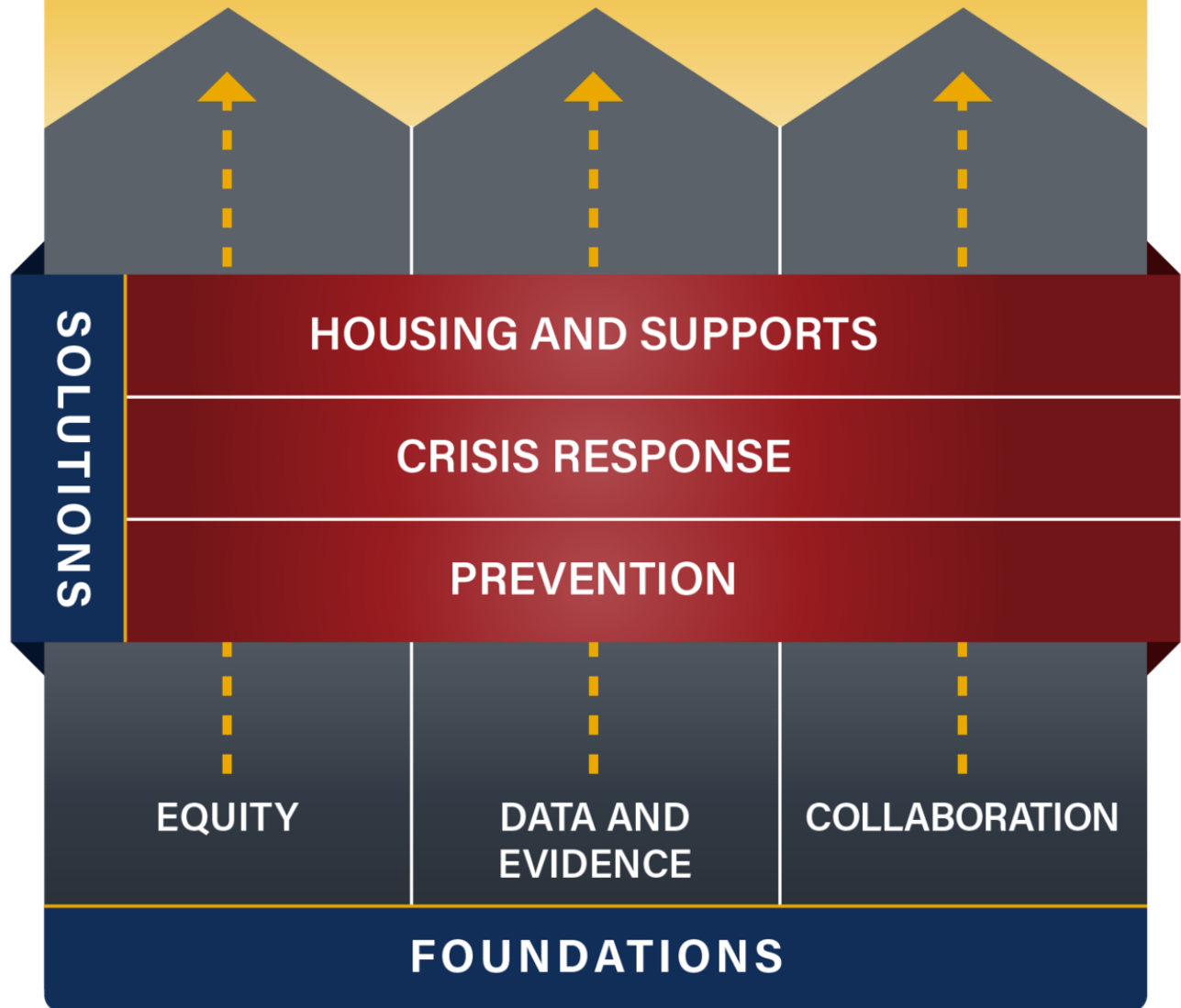
## ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



### End Homelessness Initiative

ALL IN: THE FEDERAL STRATEGIC PLAN:

# END HOMELESSNESS



The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness count found over 582,400 homeless people in America and the Biden Administration says it's aiming to [reduce that number 25%](#) by 2025. For that reason, ENGAGE!, a peer reviewed journal, is inviting community/university collaborating researchers who are addressing housing and homelessness to contribute to the upcoming November issue. Submissions should be made by **Friday, September 15**.

[Submission Guidelines](#)

[Submit Inquiries Here](#)



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## FUNDING AND AWARDS

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### 2023-2024 Research Seminar Proposals

The [UT Humanities Center \(UTHC\)](#) hosts [research seminars](#) -- year-long interdisciplinary discussion groups organized around compelling areas of intellectual inquiry. Convened by at least two tenure-stream faculty members (at least one of whom is from a UTHC-affiliated department), research seminars should identify and explore a central question leading to a projected research outcome, such as a conference, book publication, research cluster at the university level, or grant application. Working toward these outcomes, seminar participants present their work to one another, invite visiting speakers, assign readings, and may work collaboratively on a research project. The deadline for [new research seminar proposals](#) is **Tuesday, August 15**.

[Questions? Email Here](#)

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### Call for Manuscript Proposals

The [Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement](#) invites submissions for its special issue on Identity, Wellbeing, and Career Development. This esteemed journal, hosted by the University of Georgia, encourages scholars, practitioners, and community partners to contribute their valuable work and advance the collective understanding of effective community-based research and outreach programs. Find out more information below.

[Submission Details](#)

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### Office of Research Innovation and Economic Development Proposal Request

The [Office of Research Innovation and Economic Development \(ORIED\)](#) is soliciting requests for proposals that advance knowledge and support areas of fundamental and applied research in human health and wellness. This research funding opportunity aligns with the UT Strategic Plan which envisions a university that embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion across all areas of research, scholarship, education, and outreach.

There are two programs available: Human Health & Wellness Research Seed Funding which is due **Friday, September 1, 2023** and Human Health & Wellness Team Building Activities is available until **Sunday, June 30, 2024**.

[Human Health & Wellness Research Seed Funding](#)

[Human Health & Wellness Team Building Activities](#)

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### \$40,000 Seed Grant for Humanities Research

The [UT Humanities Center \(UTHC\)](#) is excited to partner with the UT One Health Initiative (OHI) to offer a Multidisciplinary Research Seed Grant of up to \$40,000 for an arts/humanities project that fosters cross-cutting research, education, or outreach efforts tackling complex issues from a [One Health approach](#). Special consideration will be given to proposals promoting interdisciplinary research involving medical, environmental, digital, or energy humanities, though all topics under the One Health umbrella will be considered. Projects must include a PI/Co-PI from the arts and humanities departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. The deadline for proposals are due by **Friday, September 8**.

Competition Details

Arnold Ventures-Open Request for Proposals

[Arnold Ventures](#) is a nonpartisan philanthropy whose core mission is to invest in evidence-based solutions that maximize opportunity and minimize injustice. It works in four key issue areas: [Criminal Justice](#), [Education](#), [Health](#), and [Public Finance](#). AV’s work is guided by [Evidence-Based Policy](#), [Research](#), and [Advocacy](#). The programs below are open for submission on a rolling basis.

Rigorous Impact Evaluations of Student Success Programs and Practices in Higher Education

Randomized Controlled Trials of Criminal Justice Programs and Practices

Demonstrating the Power of Evidence-Based Programs to "Move the Needle" on Major U.S. Social Problems

RCT Opportunity: Evaluating Social Programs Whose Delivery Will Be Funded by Government or Other Entities

Brady Education Foundation Funding Opportunity

The Brady Education Foundation is currently accepting Research Project (RP) proposals and Existing Program Evaluation (EPE) proposals that have the potential to provide data that will inform how to address disparities in educational opportunities associated with race, ethnicity, and family income. The foundation is looking for sustainable, accessible, and strength based projects.

More Information Here

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