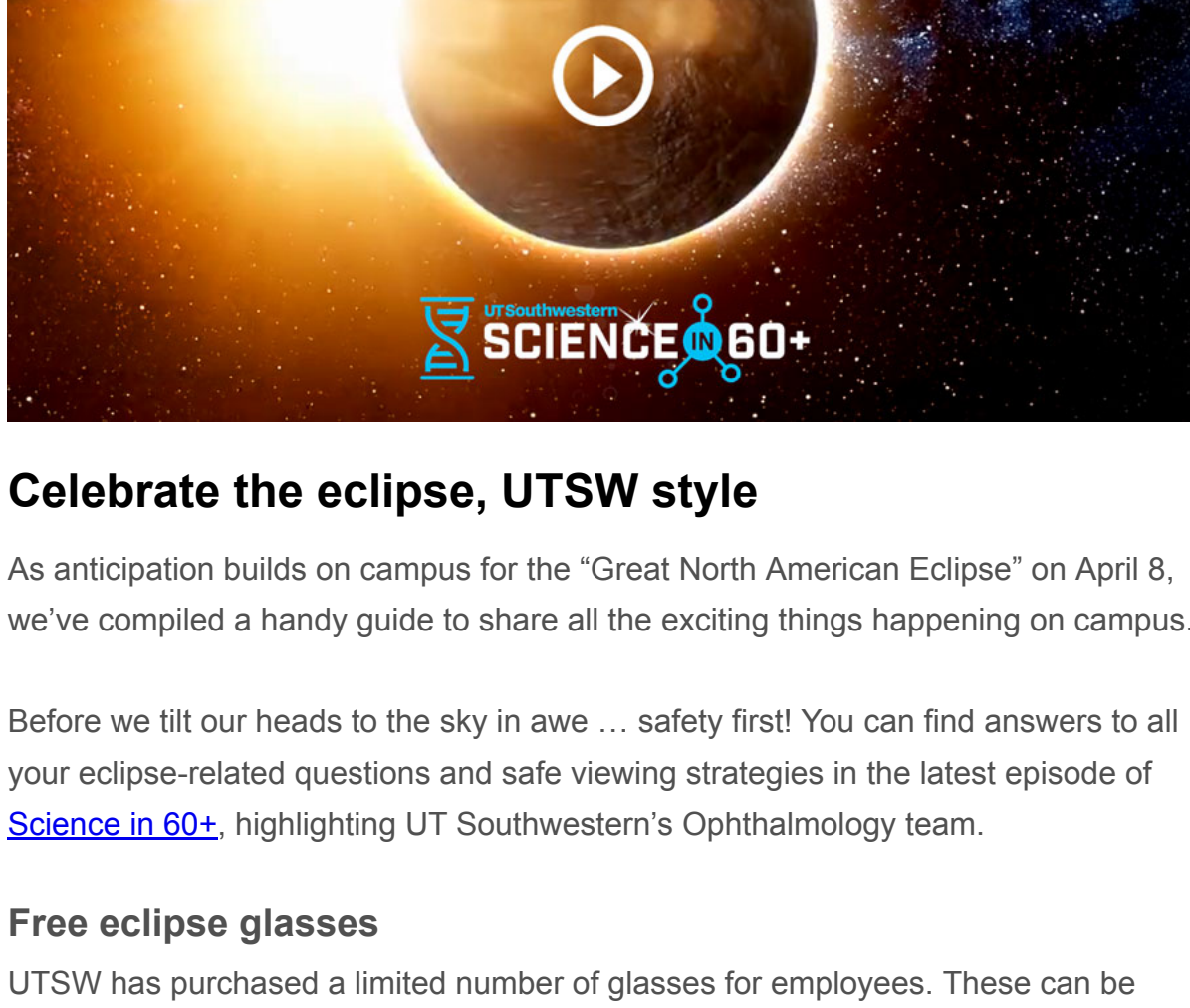


Due to technical issues with our newsletter vendor, many of you did not receive today's *Insider* at 7 a.m. The issue has now been corrected. Apologies for the delay.

Monday, April 1, 2024



Celebrate the eclipse, UTSW style

As anticipation builds on campus for the “Great North American Eclipse” on April 8, we’ve compiled a handy guide to share all the exciting things happening on campus.

Before we tilt our heads to the sky in awe ... safety first! You can find answers to all your eclipse-related questions and safe viewing strategies in the latest episode of [Science in 60+](#), highlighting UT Southwestern’s Ophthalmology team.

Free eclipse glasses

UTSW has purchased a limited number of glasses for employees. These can be picked up at the North and South Campus University Stores by showing your ID badge. Supplies are very limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A small number of complimentary eclipse glasses can also be picked up at the library in the Florence Building (E2.304) on South Campus from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 1–5.

Students were emailed details on glasses ordered by Student Life. Questions? Stop by the Bryan Williams, M.D. Student Center.

Where to watch the eclipse

There are several fun events happening on campus, but please make sure your supervisor is aware if you’re planning on attending.

North Campus – [A watch party on the path to totality!](#)

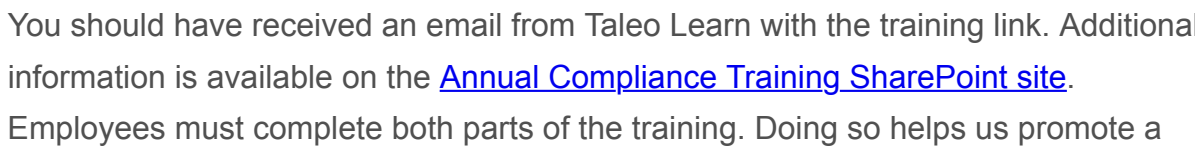
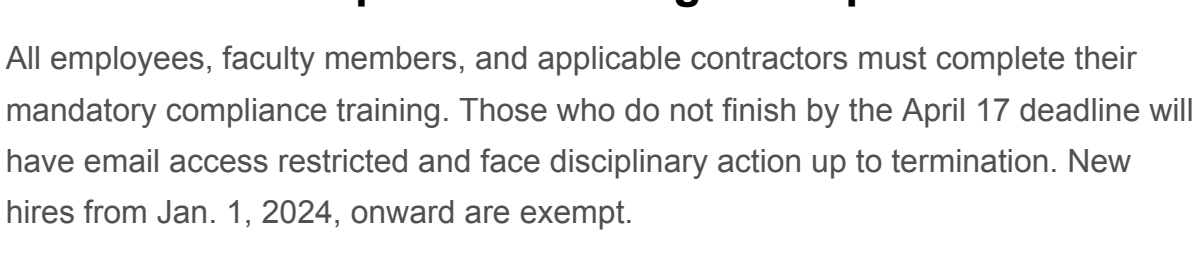
Student Life, the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and Auxiliary Services are hosting a watch party at the Wildenthal Research Building (NL) circle from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The come-and-go event will feature a DJ, arts and crafts, food trucks, and more. The Dallas Mavericks will also be supporting this event with a pop-up shop, Champ the mascot, and the ManiAACs.

South Campus – [Celebrate with UTSW’s library team!](#)

Join our friends at the library on the South Campus Plaza outside the Florence (E) Building between noon and 2 p.m. for snacks and library-branded giveaways, including pens, water bottles, and laptop sleeve covers.

Livestream the eclipse – [NASA feed](#)

If you cannot witness the solar eclipse in person, see it all unfold on the NASA livestream.



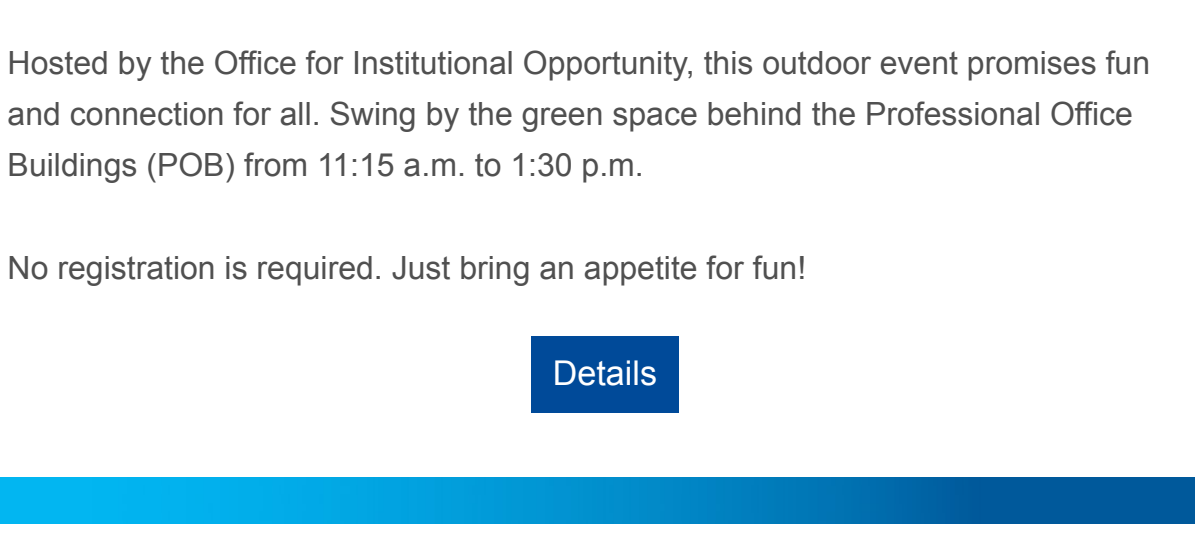
Reminder: Compliance training due April 17

All employees, faculty members, and applicable contractors must complete their mandatory compliance training. Those who do not finish by the April 17 deadline will have email access restricted and face disciplinary action up to termination. New hires from Jan. 1, 2024, onward are exempt.

You should have received an email from Taleo Learn with the training link. Additional information is available on the [Annual Compliance Training SharePoint site](#).

Employees must complete both parts of the training. Doing so helps us promote a culture of excellence, safeguard our reputation, and create a safer workplace.

Questions? Email the [Office of Institutional Compliance](#) or call 214-648-6134.



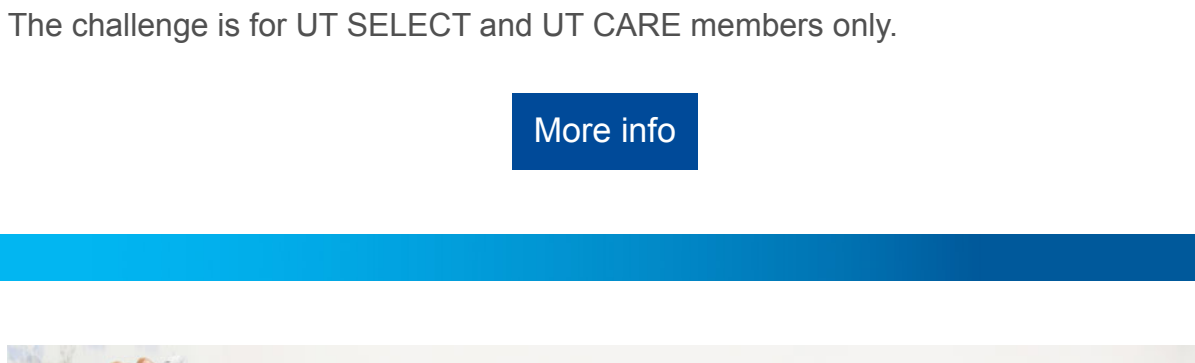
Food trucks, inclusivity, and more

Join us in celebrating our differences and strengths with an outdoor, fun-filled display of cultures on April 10. We’ll have food trucks, games, and the opportunity to learn about or join one of UTSW’s [Business Resource Groups \(BRGs\)](#).

Hosted by the Office for Institutional Opportunity, this outdoor event promises fun and connection for all. Swing by the green space behind the Professional Office Buildings (POB) from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Just bring an appetite for fun!

[Details](#)

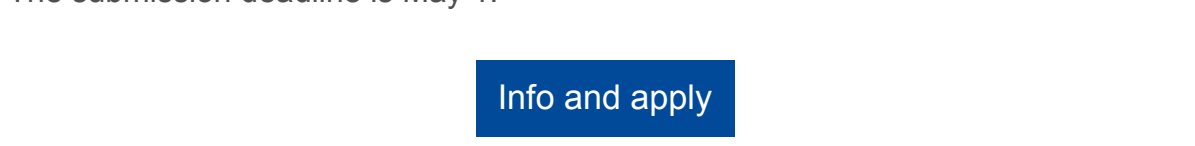


Jump into Spring Forward Team Challenge

Power up your fitness goals as part of a team! Put together a group of three to five people, and log at least 4,000 combined total minutes of activities that exercise your body or mind. Examples include walking, running, hiking, or meditation, to name just a few. Each team member will earn 200 UT Living Well points if the team logs 4,000 minutes on the UT Living Well platform. Participants can join anytime April 1–May 5.

The challenge is for UT SELECT and UT CARE members only.

[More info](#)

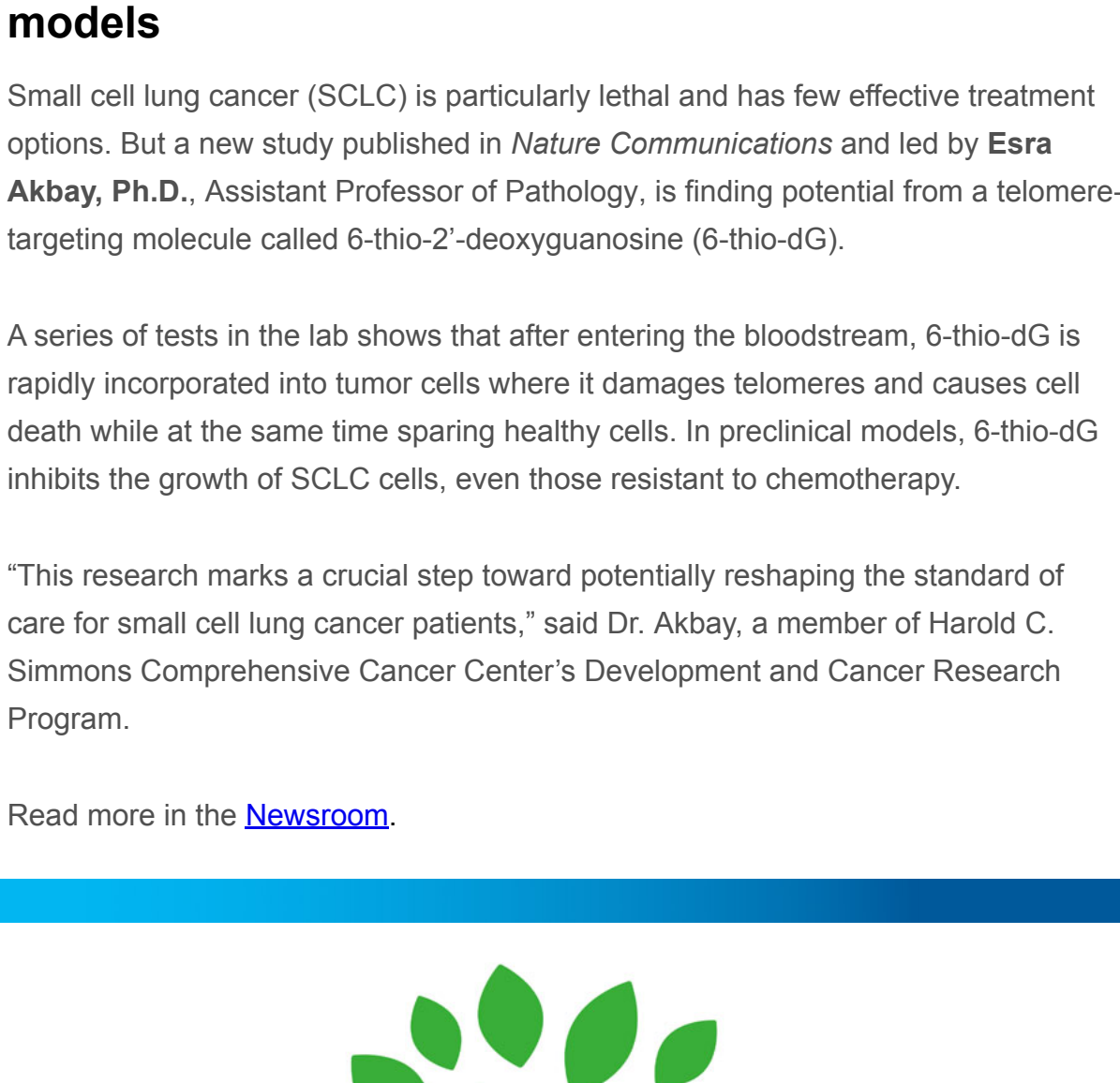


Apply for SWAT Small Grants

The Southwestern Academy of Teachers (SWAT) Small Grants Program is accepting proposals for education-research projects related to UT Southwestern schools’ education priorities. Faculty members or trainees working in collaboration with a UTSW faculty member can apply for a SWAT grant and receive up to \$3,500 per project if selected.

The submission deadline is May 1.

[Info and apply](#)



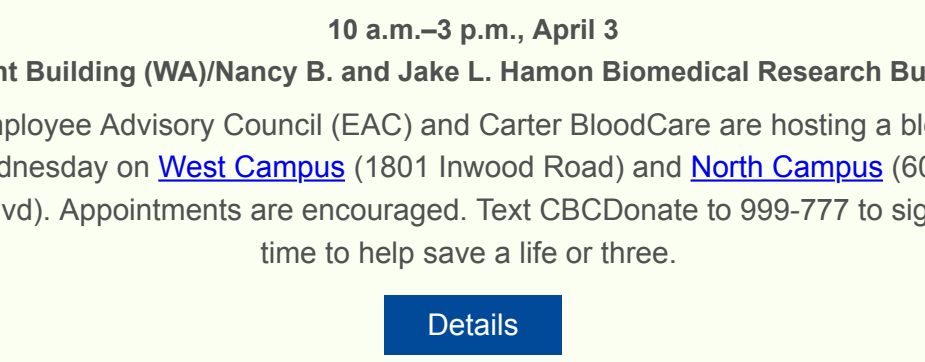
Lung cancer treatment shows promise in tumor models

Small cell lung cancer (SCLC) is particularly lethal and has few effective treatment options. But a new study published in *Nature Communications* and led by **Esra Akbay, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Pathology, is finding potential from a telomere-targeting molecule called 6-thio-2'-deoxyguanosine (6-thio-dG).

A series of tests in the lab shows that after entering the bloodstream, 6-thio-dG is rapidly incorporated into tumor cells where it damages telomeres and causes cell death while at the same time sparing healthy cells. In preclinical models, 6-thio-dG inhibits the growth of SCLC cells, even those resistant to chemotherapy.

“This research marks a crucial step toward potentially reshaping the standard of care for small cell lung cancer patients,” said Dr. Akbay, a member of Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center’s Development and Cancer Research Program.

Read more in the [Newsroom](#).



Celebrate National Donate Life Month

Did you know that a single organ donor can save up to eight lives?

Help us honor those who have generously made vital transplants possible by wearing blue and green on Friday, April 12, designated as National Donate Life Blue & Green Day. Then share your photo with transplant@utsouthwestern.edu to be part of our tribute on UTSW social channels.

Visit donatelifetexas.org/utsw for more information.

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EAC blood drive

10 a.m.–3 p.m., April 3

Outpatient Building (WA)/Nancy B. and Jake L. Hamon Biomedical Research Building (NA)

The Employee Advisory Council (EAC) and Carter BloodCare are hosting a blood drive this Wednesday on [West Campus](#) (1801 Inwood Road) and [North Campus](#) (6000 Harry Hines Blvd). Appointments are encouraged. Text CBCDonate to 999-777 to sign up for a time to help save a life or three.

[Details](#)



Power in Partnership

9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., April 11

3000 Pegasus Park Dr., Dallas

During this symposium, community leaders, scientists, students, and health equity stakeholders will come together for a day of learning, dialogue, idea-sharing, and collaboration around community health needs and research. The event is sponsored by the UT Southwestern CTSA Program and the Office of Community Health and Research Engagement.

[Register](#)



UTSW Events Calendar

Looking for your daily dose of happenings?

The UTSW Events Calendar is updated every day.

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