



Zhijian “James” Chen, Ph.D., elected to U.K.’s Royal Society

Please join us in congratulating **Zhijian “James” Chen, Ph.D.**, Professor of Molecular Biology and Director of the Center for Inflammation Research, who was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society, the United Kingdom’s national academy of sciences and the oldest scientific academy in continuous existence.

“Dr. Chen’s breakthroughs have significantly advanced the field of immunology, paving the way for new approaches to the development of more effective vaccines and novel therapies for a broad range of diseases, including cancer and autoimmune disorders,” said **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, President of UT Southwestern. “His election to the Royal Society reflects the vast impact of his discoveries, and UT Southwestern takes great pride in seeing Dr. Chen’s work recognized by this high honor.”

Dr. Chen, one of the world’s leading experts on innate immunity, has received numerous honors including the 2024 Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award and the 2019 Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences. He is a member of both the National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Medicine in the U.S.

[Learn more about Dr. Chen's election](#)



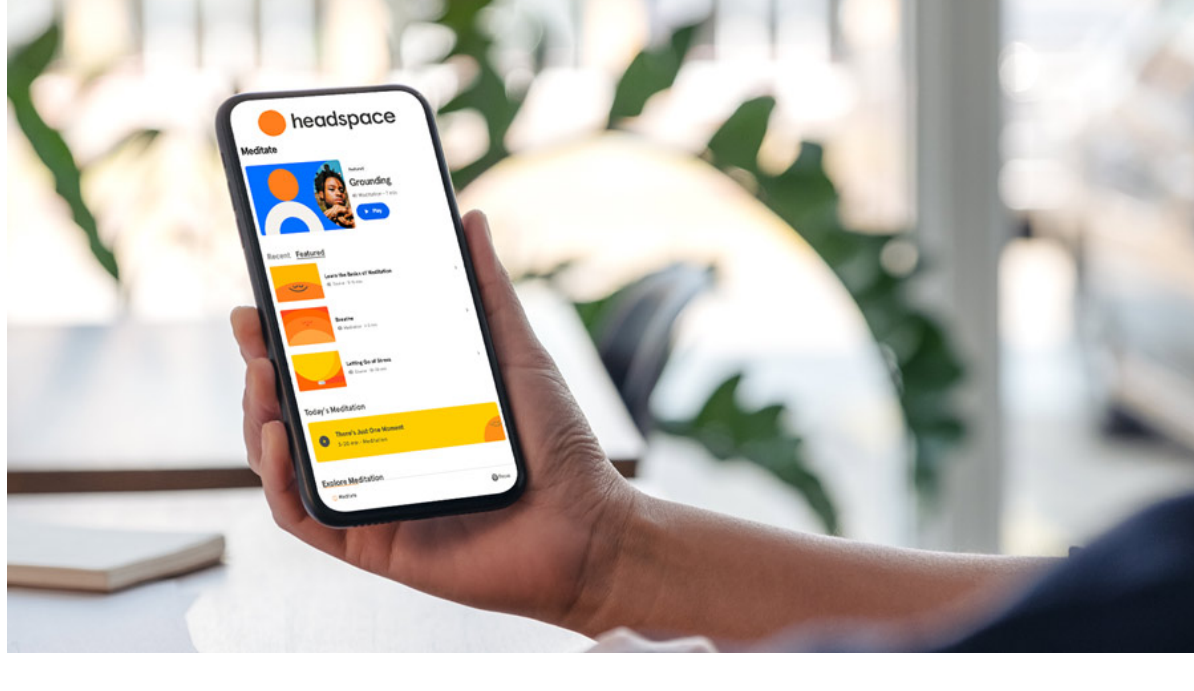
Hooray for our final spring commencement grads!

Tomorrow, UT Southwestern will celebrate the accomplishments of 84 students from the [Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences](#) during its annual commencement ceremony, held at 7 p.m. in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium.

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Zhijian “James” Chen.

We look forward to honoring the hard work and dedication of our graduates as they take the next step in their careers. As this is a ticketed event, we encourage everyone to tune in to the [livestream](#).

[Watch the ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday!](#)



Mental Health Awareness Month

This Mental Health Awareness Month, our Employee Support team and Headspace partners have put together some tips to help you prioritize your mental health, create healthier boundaries, manage stress, and build mindfulness habits that support your well-being. You’ll find more details on Campus Update, but here we’re sharing just a few guideposts to get you started:

- Find your workplace community
- Set and communicate healthy boundaries
- Check in with yourself and prioritize self-care
- Practice relaxation techniques
- Take mental and movement breaks
- Make your calendar work for you

If you haven’t already, you can [enroll in Headspace](#) today for resources including [mindfulness and meditation](#) content, a [Mental Health Awareness Calendar](#) for daily prompts, along with sleep stories and much more.

If you have any questions about Employee Support resources or the Headspace app, please reach out to our HR team by phone at 214-648-9810 or by [email](#).

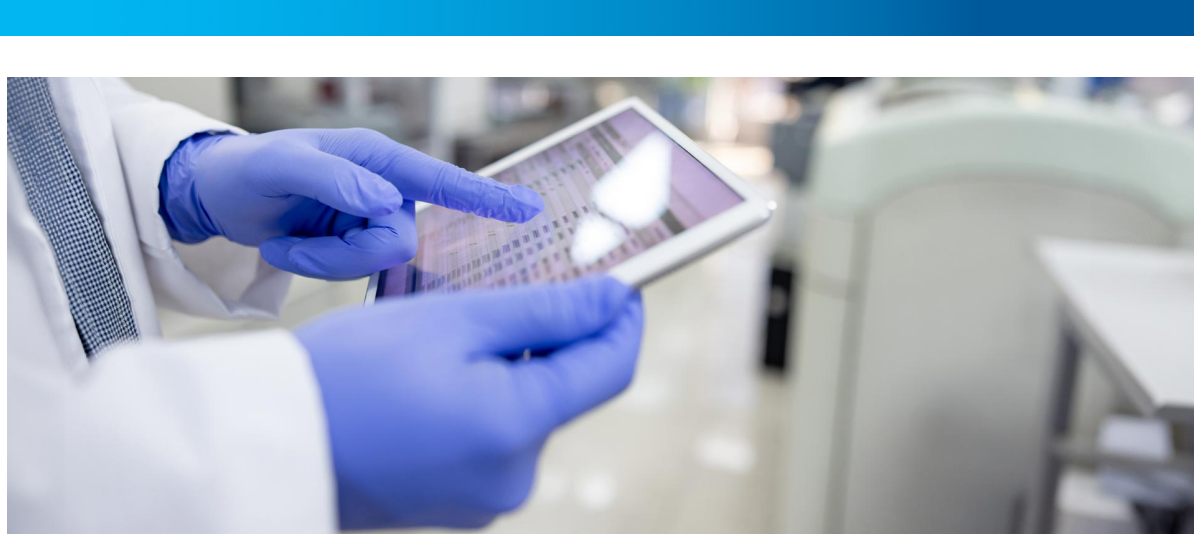
[Learn more and explore Headspace resources](#)



A Day in the Life: Stocked, ready, and reliable

From surgical tools to everyday essentials, a lot goes on behind the scenes to keep hospitals fully stocked and ready to care for patients. This Instagram video lets you peek behind the curtain at how our Supply Chain team delivers critical supplies quickly and efficiently to support top-tier patient care.

[Watch how it all comes together](#)



Deadline reminder: Milestone Award funding support

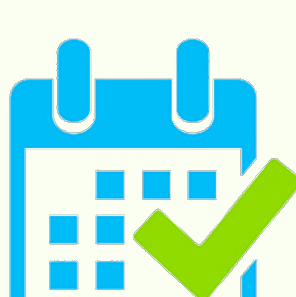
UT Southwestern faculty can apply for the Biotech+ at Pegasus Park Commercialization Milestone Award through May 31 for a chance to win up to \$100,000 in grant funding.

A panel of experts will select finalists in June, with winners announced June 30. The event, sponsored by UTSW’s [Office for Technology Development](#), was created to accelerate commercialization of our institution’s technologies and increase licensing opportunities.

Applications are due next Friday, May 31.

For more information, contact businessdevelopment@utsouthwestern.edu.

[Apply for grant support](#)



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