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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Are bridges near you safe? This MRI-like scan may prevent disaster: Suyum Ham (College of Engineering) spoke with [Bloomberg](#) about his research using MRI-like scanners and AI to inspect the condition of bridges and make them more heat-resilient. Ham says extreme heat deteriorates the life of a bridge, often leading the damage to be beyond repair. [The Japan Times](#) reshared this story. (Photo courtesy of Bloomberg)

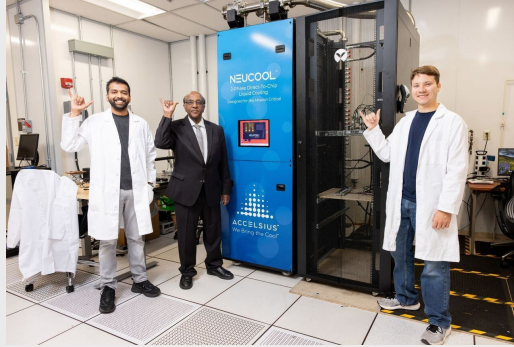


EXPERT INTERVIEWS



Transitioning back into the classroom: Coordinated by the UTA media relations team, Bonnie Laster (College of Science) gave tips and advice to parents and students if they find themselves struggling with the transition back to school on [NBC 5](#).

New Texas law opening the door to foreign physicians: Coordinated by the UTA media relations team, Ogan Gurel (College of Nursing and Health Innovation) spoke with [D Magazine](#) about the DOCTOR Act and if it will be an effective measure to increase the number of physicians in the state.



UTA's new tech makes AI data centers sustainable: The [Arlington Network](#) and [What's going on in Arlington](#) reported on Dereje Agonafer (College of Engineering) and his Ph.D. students' research to develop a water-free cooling system to significantly decrease water and energy demands of AI data centers, many being built in North Texas.

Are Texas film incentives effective?: Coordinated by the UTA media relations team, Michael Ward (College of Business) spoke with [KERA](#) about what the Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program is and if it can be effective in the state.

MORE NEWS

Managing a million: Fort Worth strives to steer explosive growth: UTA West was mentioned by the [Fort Worth Report](#) in an article about Fort Worth's growth. The story said UTA and UTA West are among the college campuses expanding in Fort Worth to meet the growing demand for a talented workforce.

HAIR and more set for University of Texas at Arlington Theatre Arts and Dance Department season: [Broadway World](#) reported on the new Department of Theatre Arts and Dance's season. The department will present "Seize the King," "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder," "Hair," and more.

Wearable devices could help children who survive cancer avoid diabetes and heart disease: [Diabetes.co.uk](#) reshared a [UTA news release](#) about Yue Liao's (College of Nursing and Health Innovation) contribution to a medical journal examining how survivors of childhood cancer face risks of chronic conditions and how wearable devices can help detect those diseases earlier.

Are microplastics making us age faster?: [The Cool Down](#) and [Yahoo! News](#) reshared a [UTA news release](#) about how researchers are exploring how microplastics might affect muscle, brain health, and aging in real-world settings.

Study confirms birds are breathing in microplastics—are you inhaling them too?: [Nexus Newsfeed](#) reshared a [UTA news release](#) about a study showing that the lung tissue of birds had high level of microplastics and nanoplastics, including chlorinated polyethylene and butadiene rubber.

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