

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

2011-2013	Postdoctoral Training	University of Texas Health Science, San Antonio, Texas-Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Laboratory of Dr. Molly Bergman
2010-2011	Postdoctoral Training	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee-Department of Immunology, Laboratory of Dr. Thirumala-Devi Kanneganti
2003-2010	Ph.D.	University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas - Microbiology and Immunology, Laboratory of Dr. Judy M. Teale, University of Texas at San Antonio-UTHSCSA
1997-2001	B.S.	University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas – Biology

EMPLOYMENT:

2023-present	Associate Professor	Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Department of Natural Sciences, Biology program
2016-2023	Assistant Professor	Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Department of Science and Mathematics, Biology program
2023	Lecturer	University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, San Antonio, Texas
2021-present	Mentor/ Adj. faculty	University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics, San Antonio, Texas
2020-2021	Advisor	iGenomeDx, San Antonio, Texas

2016	Adj. faculty	Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Immunology (BIOL 4408)
2015-2016	Adj. faculty	Northwest Vista College, Dual credit program, AP/DC Biology (Bio 1406 and 1407)
2014-2016	Teacher	Warren High School, Chemistry, Northside ISD, San Antonio, Texas (Texas Education Agency certified 4-8 Science, 7-12 Life Science, and 7-12 Composite Science)
2013-2014	Asst. Prof. of Research	University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas Department of Biological Sciences
2002-2003	Teacher	Anson Jones Middle School, Northside ISD, San Antonio, Texas (Texas Education Agency certified 4-8 Science)

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2026	Excellence in Service Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2026	Presidential Most Influential Mentor Award, Department of Natural Sciences, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2026	American Society for Microbiology Faculty Development Mentor Fellowship, 2026-2028
2026	American Society for Microbiology Faculty Development Award, ASM Microbe, 2026, Washington, DC
2026	Undergraduate Faculty Travel Grant, 108 th meeting of the American Association of Immunologist, Boston, MA
2025	Graduating Senior Honor Stole presented by Jahatzy Ramos, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2025	Presidential Most Influential Mentor Award, Department of Natural Sciences, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2023	Judge Travel Award, Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS), American Society for Microbiology
2023	Excellence in Service Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M University-San Antonio

2023	Undergraduate Faculty Travel Grant, 106 th meeting of the American Association of Immunologist
2022	Military Affairs Student Challenge Coin, Presented by Elizabeth Cruz, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2019	Military Affairs Student Challenge Coin, Presented by Marlon Phillips, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2013	Mentored Teaching Award, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, UTHSCSA
2011-2012	Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences
2010	Keystone Symposia Travel Scholarship (The Macrophage)
2008-2010	National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Aging Dissertation Award (R36AG033400-01)
2005-2006	Microbial Pathogenesis Training Grant (T32AI7271), Department of Microbiology and Immunology, UTHSCSA Sponsor: Judy M. Teale, Ph.D.
1997-2001	Southwestern Bell Academic Scholarship (UIW)
1997-2001	University of the Incarnate Word Presidential Academic Scholarship
1998	Alpha Lambda Delta (UIW)
1998	Heart of Texas Conference Academic Excellence (UIW)
1997	University of Texas at Austin Presidential Academic Scholarship (declined)
1997	National Hispanic Scholar
1997	National Macy Scholar

FORMAL TEACHING:

2023	Lecturer, Parasitology (MMI 4763), University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
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- 2016-present Assistant/Associate Professor, Immunology (BIOL 4408), Cell Physiology (BIOL 3409), Genetics (BIOL 2411), Cell Biology (BIOL 2431), General Biology I (BIOL1306/1106), Integrative Biology Seminar (BIOL 4101), Cell and Molecular Biology Seminar (BIOL 4102), Seminar in Health (BIOL 4106), Biology of Disease (BIOL 5309), Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
- 2016 Adjunct faculty, Immunology (BIOL 4408), Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
- 2014-2016 Chemistry and AP Biology teacher, (TEA certified in 4-8 science, 7-12 life and composite science and BIOL 1406-1407), Warren High School/Northwest Vista College, Northside ISD, San Antonio, Texas
- 2013 Co-instructor, Immunology (BIOL 4743), University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Biology, San Antonio, Texas (Fall, 11 lectures, Average rating 4.61 out of 5)**
- 2013 Lecturer, Toxicology (BL3440), St. Mary's University, Department of Biological Sciences, San Antonio, Texas (Spring, 4 lectures, Average rating 4.631 out of 5)**
- 2012 Lecturer, Fundamentals of Biosciences (INTD 5000), University of Texas Health Science at San Antonio, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, San Antonio, Texas (Fall, 2 lectures, Average rating 4.51 out of 5)**
- 2012 Lecturer, Immunology (BIOL 4073), University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Biology, San Antonio, Texas (Fall, 2 lectures)
- 2010 Adjunct Instructor, Intro. to Microbiology (BIOL 2474 L1 and L2), Department of Biology, University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas (Spring, Entire course, Average rating 4.37 out of 5)**
- 2010 Adjunct Instructor, Ecology (BIOL 3442 L1 and L2), University of the Incarnate Word, Department of Biology, San Antonio, Texas (Spring)
- 2010 Lecturer, Intro. to Immunology (BIOL 4073), University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Biology (Spring, 2 lectures)
- 2009 Lecturer, Intro. to Immunology (BIOL 4073), University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Biology (Fall, 2 lectures)
- 2008 Guest lecturer, General Microbiology (BIOL 3471), University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas (1 lecture)

- 2008 Guest lecturer, Medical Microbiology (BIOL 4375), University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas (1 lecture)
- 2003-2005 Instructor, Medical Microbiology, Medical School, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas (Entire course)
- 2003 Assistant Instructor, Dental Microbiology, Dental School, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas (2 lectures)
- 2002-2003 8th grade science teacher (certified teacher by Texas Education Agency 4-8 science), Jones Middle School, Northside ISD, San Antonio, Texas (Entire academic school year)

Courses taught at Texas A&M University San Antonio

- BIOL 5309 Biology of Disease
- BIOL 4408 Immunology with Lab
- BIOL 4304 Undergraduate Research in Biology
- BIOL 4106 Seminar in Health
- BIOL 4102 Seminar in Cellular and Molecular Biology
- BIOL 3409 Cellular Physiology with Lab
- BIOL 3104 Research Experience in Biology
- BIOL 2411 Genetics (lecture only)
- BIOL 2431 Cellular Biology with Lab
- BIOL 1306 General Biology I
- BIOL 1106 General Biology I Lab
- BIOL 1107 General Biology II Lab

Courses taught at the University of Texas at San Antonio

- BIO 4763 Parasitology (MMI 4763)
- BIO 4743 Immunology (Co-instructor)

Courses taught at the University of the Incarnate Word

- BIO 2474 Intro. to Microbiology Lab
- BIO 3442 Ecology Lab

Courses taught as a Teaching Assistant at UT-Health San Antonio

- MICR 1005 Medical Microbiology Lab

Potential course offerings:

- Genetics
- Pathophysiology or Immunopathology
- Histology
- Pathogenic Microbiology or Microbial Pathogenesis
- Research Methods
- Ethics in Biomedical Sciences

-Others as needed

** student evaluations available upon request

SUPERVISORY TEACHING:

2026-present	Patrick Robinson, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2026-present	Aries Sullivan, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2026-present	Andrea Auguino, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2025-present	Autumn Guerra, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2025-present	Victoria Yip, Graduate student, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2025-present	Arianna Perez, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2026	Mia Martinez, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2025-2026	Aleah De La Garza, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2025-2026	Diana Holguin, Undergraduate researcher (Honors research project), Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2022-2026	Rebecca McGehee, Undergraduate and Graduate student, Texas A&M University-San Antonio (MS in Biology 2026)
2025	Jael Gomez, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio (MS in Respiratory Therapy, UTHSCSA)
2025	Emily Godoy, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2024-2026	Cindy Maya, Undergraduate researcher (Honors research project), Texas A&M University-San Antonio

2024-2025	Shedeur Keener, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2024-2025	Jahatzy Ramos, Undergraduate researcher (Honors research project), Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2024	Valeria Flores, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2024	Carlos Garcia Alanis, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2024	Justin Cantu, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2024	Skylar Sallee, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2022	Motaz Zayed, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio (D.O. student at Sam Houston State University)
2022	Max Sahi, Undergraduate researcher, University of Texas Health San Antonio, Co-Mentor
2021	Alishma Stewart, Undergraduate researcher, University of Texas Health San Antonio, Co-Mentor (Master's degree program in Medical Sciences at LSU)
2020-2021	Angela Martinez, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2020-2021	Melinda Rosas, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio (Master's in Medical Laboratory Sciences, TTHSC)
2020	Michelle Martin-Zamora, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio (Pharmacist, UT Austin)
2019-2020	Russell Hammond, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio (Molecular Biology Supervisor AccessDx)
2019	John Verschelde, Undergraduate researcher, University of Texas Health San Antonio, Co-Mentor (Histotechnology Training Program at UTHSCSA)
2019	Desirae Morales, Undergraduate researcher, University of Texas Health San Antonio, Co-Mentor (PhD student at UT-Health San Antonio)

2018	Rosie Sosa, Undergraduate researcher, University of Texas Health San Antonio, Co-Mentor
2018-2019	Ashley Hughes, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2018-2019	Joseph Ramos, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2017	Nancy Osti, Undergraduate researcher, University of Texas Health San Antonio, Co-Mentor
2017	Zachary Barcenas, Undergraduate researcher, University of Texas Health San Antonio, Co-Mentor
2017	Michelle Lopez, Undergraduate researcher, University of Texas Health San Antonio, Co-Mentor
2017	Bryan Prieto, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2017	Katie Gentel, Undergraduate researcher, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2017	Jonathan Hernandez, Undergraduate researcher, University of Texas Health San Antonio, Co-Mentor
2017	Tiffany Reichert, Undergraduate researcher, University of Texas Health San Antonio, Co-Mentor
2016	Erick Reynero, Undergraduate researcher, University of Texas Health San Antonio, Co-Mentor
2016	Rick Venegas, Undergraduate researcher, University of Texas Health San Antonio, Co-Mentor
2016-2018	Amanda Martinez (Advisor: Dr. Floyd Wormley); guided Honors Thesis project at UTSA
2013-2014	Margarita Akopian (Advisor: Dr. Judy M. Teale); guided Honors Thesis project at UTSA
2013-2014	Karina Lemus (Advisor: Dr. Judy M. Teale), guided independent study project at UTSA (Laboratory Supervisor at StemBioSys)

- 2014 Daisy Kwende (Advisor: Dr. Judy M. Teale), guided independent study project at UTSA
- 2012-2013 Norberto Gonzalez Juarbe (Advisor: Dr. Molly Bergman), rotation student in Graduate Biomedical School Program at UTHSCSA (Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland)
- 2012 William Hambright (Advisor: Dr. Molly Bergman), rotation student in Graduate Biomedical School Program at UTHSCSA
- 2011 Fernando Lugo (Advisor: Dr. Molly Bergman), rotation student in Graduate Biomedical School Program at UTHSCSA
- 2008-2011 Pramod Mishra (Advisor: Dr. Judy M. Teale); junior advisor and mentor for dissertation project and post-graduate career paths (Biomedical entrepreneur and Co-Founder/Chief Scientific Officer of iGenomeDx)
- 2009-2010 Edward Rangel (Advisor: Dr. Judy M. Teale); guided summer research and independent study at UTSA
- 2009 Melissa Esquivel (Advisor: Dr. Judy M. Teale); guided independent study at UTSA
- 2008 Jocelyn Campos (Advisor: Dr. Judy M. Teale); guided Honors Thesis project at UTSA (M.D., Internal Medicine)
- 2007 Todd Siluk (Advisor: Dr. Judy M. Teale); guided summer research project at UTSA (Pharm.D. at argenx)

PUBLICATIONS:

In preparation:

1. Mares C.A., Yip V.*, and Gonzalez-Juarbe N. Pneumonic infections that traffic to the heart.
2. McGehee R.%, Keener S.%, Smyth D., and Mares C.A. Using *Galleria mellonella* to establish a disseminated infection model of *Staphylococcus hameolyticus*.
3. McGehee R.%, Keener S.%, Smyth D., and Mares C.A. Using *Galleria mellonella* as a model for a microbial pathogenesis lab.

4. New insights from ocular and integument histology of the Austin blind salamander (*Eurycea waterlooensis*). Mendez R., Tamez A, Mares CA, Chamberlain D, Tovar RU. Herpetological Review. (Under review)

Publications :

1. Shurko J., Page R.B., **Mares C.A.#**, Nguyen V., Lopez K., Vanee N., Mishra P.# Use of RT-PCR in conjunction with a respiratory pathogen assay to concurrently determine the prevalence of bacteria and SARS-CoV-2 from the nasopharynx of outpatients. *Frontiers in Epidemiology*. Vol.3. 2023. doi: 10.3389/fepid.2023.1274800. (#-Co-corresponding authors).
2. Platt M., Lin Y.H, Penix T., Wiscovitch-Russo R., Vashee I., **Mares C.A.**, Rosch J. Yu Y., Gonzalez-Juarbe N. A multiomics analysis of direct interkingdom dynamics between influenza A virus and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* uncovers host-independent changes to bacterial virulence fitness. *PLoS Pathogens*, 18(12): e1011020. [https://doi.org/ 10.1371/journal.ppat.1011020](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.ppat.1011020).
3. **Mares C.A.#**, Lugo F., Albataineh M., Goins B, Newton I.L.G., Isberg R.R.#, Bergman M.A. Heightened virulence of *Yersinia* is associated with decreased function of the YopJ protein. *Infection and Immunity*, 89 (12) November 16, 2021. (#-Co-corresponding authors).
4. Page R., Espinosa J., **Mares C.A.**, del Pilar J., and Shelton G.R. The curvy road to success. *Journal of College Science Teaching*, 47 (5), May 5, 2018.
5. Mishra P.K, Li Q., Munoz L., **Mares C.A.**, Morris E.G., Teale J.M., Cardona A.E. Reduced Leukocyte Infiltration in Absence of Eosinophils Correlates with Decreased Tissue Damage and Disease Susceptibility in Δ dblGATA Mice during Murine Neurocysticercosis. *PLoS Negl Trop Dis* 10(6): e0004787. doi:10.1371/journal.pntd.0004787, June 22, 2016.
6. Gonzalez Juarbe N., **Mares C.A.**, Hinojosa C., Medina J., Cantwell A., Dube P., Orihuela C., Bergman M.A. Requirement for *Serratia marcescens* cytolysin in a murine model of hemorrhagic pneumonia. *Infection and Immunity*, doi: 10.1128/IAI.01822-14, Nov 24, 2014.
7. Ojeda S.S., **Mares C.A.**, Alvarez J.I., Li Q. Orihuela C.J., Teale J.M. Virulence factors involved in passage of *Francisella novicida* through an air-blood barrier model. *Journal of Bioterrorism & Biodefense*, S3:003, 2011.
8. Sharma J., **Mares C.A.**, Li Q., Morris E.G., Teale J.M. Features of sepsis caused by pulmonary infection with *Francisella tularensis* Type A strain. *Microbial Pathogenesis*, 51(1-2):39-47, 2011.

9. Fu J., **Mares C.**, Lizcano, A., Liu Y., Wickes B.L. Insertional mutagenesis combined with an inducible filamentation phenotype reveals a conserved STE50 homolog in *Cryptococcus neoformans* that is required for monokaryotic fruiting and mating. *Molecular Microbiology*, 79(4):990-1007, 2011.
10. **Mares C.A.**, Sharma J., Ojeda S.S., Campos J.A.*, Li Q., Morris E.G., Coalson J.J., Teale J.M. Aged mice display an attenuated pulmonary host response to *Francisella novicida*. *PLoS ONE*, 5(11):e14088, 2010.
11. **Mares C.A.**, Sharma J., Li Q., Rangel E.*, Esquivel M.*, Morris E.G., Teale J.M. Defect in efferocytosis leads to alternative activation of macrophages in *Francisella* infections. *Immunology and Cell Biology*, 89(2):167-172, 2010.
**highlighted as an Outstanding Observation
12. **Mares C.A.**, Ojeda S.S., Li Q., Morris E.G., Coalson J.J., Teale J.M. Aged mice display an altered pulmonary host response to *Francisella tularensis* live vaccine strain (LVS) infections. *Experimental Gerontology*, 45(2): 91-96, 2010.
13. Ojeda S.S., Wang Z.J., **Mares C.A.**, Chang T.A., Li Q., Morris E.G., Jerabek P.A., Teale J.M. Rapid dissemination of *Francisella tularensis* and the effect of route of infection. *BMC Microbiology*, 8(1): 215, 2008.
14. **Mares C.A.**, Ojeda S.S., Morris E.G., Li Q., Teale J.M. Initial delay in the immune response to *Francisella tularensis* is followed by hypercytokinemia characteristic of severe sepsis and correlating with upregulation and release of damage-associated molecular patterns. *Infection and Immunity*, 76(7):3001-3010, 2008.

Published Abstracts:

1. C Mares, VI Yip, J Gomez, A Guerra, D Holguin. The effect of a high fat diet on cardiac specific immune responses to *K. pneumoniae* 2258613 The Journal of Immunology, April 2026, 215 (Supplement_1), vkag141. 605
2. V Yip, J Gomez, C Maya, J Ramos, C Mares. *Cardiac Responses to Klebsiella pneumoniae* Infection; Investigating Its Role in Sepsis and Endocarditis 2251186. The Journal of Immunology, April 2026, 215 (Supplement_1), vkag141. 108
3. McGehee R., Smyth D, and Mares, C.A. An invertebrate model using *Galleria mellonella* to study the innate immune response to *Staphylococcus haemolyticus*. The Journal of Immunology 210 (1_Supplement), 71.17-71.17

4. Vanegas D, Church K, Mishra P, **Mares C.A.**, Cardona S, Cardona AE. Pathogenic inflammation and neuronal damage during murine neurocysticercosis associates with increased expression of IL-1 β . J Immunol May 1, 2018, 200 (1 Supplement) 52.32.
5. Mishra P., Li Q., Munoz L., Mares C., Morris E., Teale J., Cardona A. Eosinophils support Th2 response and control parasite number in brain during murine neurocysticercosis (MPF7P. 717) The Journal of Immunology 194 (1_Supplement), 203.18-203.18.

ABSTRACTS:

1. Maya C.\$, Ramos J.\$, Yip V, Mares C.A. Cardiac responses to *Klebsiella pneumoniae* infection; investigating its role in sepsis and endocarditis. Student Research Symposium, Texas A&M University San Antonio, 2025. \$Honor's Research Project.
2. McGehee R., **Keener S.**, Smyth D, Mares C. Establishing an invertebrate infection model for *Staphylococcus hemolyticus*. Texas Branch American Society for Microbiology Meeting, Galveston, Texas, 2024. #new data incorporated
3. **McGehee R., Keener, Sallee S.**, Smyth D., Mares C.A. Establishing an invertebrate infection model for *Staphylococcus hemolyticus*. TAMUSA Annual Research Symposium, San Antonio, Texas, 2024. #new data incorporated
4. **McGehee R.**, Smyth D., Mares C.A. Establishing an invertebrate infection model for *Staphylococcus hemolyticus*. American Society for Microbiology General Meeting, Houston, Texas, 2023.
5. **McGehee R.**, Smyth D., Mares C.A. Establishing an invertebrate infection model for *Staphylococcus hemolyticus*. Texas Branch American Society for Microbiology, Rice University, Houston, Texas, 2022.
6. **Mares C.A.**, Albataineh M., Lugo F., Isberg R.R., Bergman M.A. YopJ suppresses virulence of Yersinia by inducing macrophage cytotoxicity. UTHSCSA Department of Microbiology and Immunology Retreat, San Antonio, TX 2012. **Presented as a poster and oral presentation
7. **Mares C.A.**, Albataineh M., Lugo F., Isberg R.R., Bergman M.A. YopJ suppresses virulence of Yersinia by inducing macrophage apoptosis. 4th Annual Mikiten Graduate Student Research Forum, San Antonio, TX, 2012.

4. **Mares C.A.**, Sharma J., Li Q., Rangel E., Escobar M., Morris E.G., Teale J.M. Defect in efferocytosis leads to alternative activation of macrophages in *Francisella* infections. Keystone Symposia on The Macrophage in Banff, Alberta. Poster abstract, 2010.
5. **Mares C.A.**, Sharma J., Ojeda S.S., Li Q., Campos J. A., Morris E.G., Coalson J.J., Teale J.M. Aged mice display an attenuated pulmonary host response to *Francisella tularensis* sp. *novicida*. Student Research Day 2009 at UTHSCSA/Barshop Institute. Poster Abstract, 2009.
6. **Mares C.A.**, Ojeda S.S., Li Q., Morris E.G., Barrera C.A., Teale J.M. Virulence of *Francisella tularensis* sp. *novicida* correlates with a delay in the innate immune response. 5th International Congress on Tularemia in Woods Hole, MA. Poster Abstract. 2006
7. Ojeda S.S., Barrera C.A., Li Q., Morris E.G., **Mares C.A.**, Teale J.M. Characterization of chemokine expression in lungs of mice infected with *Francisella tularensis* sp. *novicida*. 5th International Congress on Tularemia in Woods Hole, MA. Poster Abstract. 2006.
8. **Mares C.A.**, Ojeda S.S., Barrera C.A., Li Q., Morris E.G., Teale J.M. Effects of aging on the innate immune response to *Francisella tularensis* LVS. 5th International Congress on Tularemia in Woods Hole, MA. Poster Abstract. 2006.
9. Mishra, B.B., **Mares C.A.**, Mishra P.K., Grewal H.S. and Teale J.M. Toll-like receptors in murine neurocystercosis. Keystone Symposia on Innate Immunity in Banff, Alberta. Poster abstract, 2005.

FUNDING:

Funded:

2026	Research Excellence Fund for Strategic Initiative 4: Research Equipment Grants, Texas A&M University System Initiative, \$83,836, Raj-PI (Mares, Co-PI)
2026	Research Excellence Fund for Early-Stage Research Development Grants, Texas A&M University System Initiative, \$77,324, Zhang-PI (\$20,000 subaward to Mares, Co-PI)
2026	Faculty Development Travel Grant, American Society of Microbiology, (\$1,000), Mares

2026	Undergraduate Faculty Travel Grant, American Association of Immunologist, (\$2,250), Mares
2023	Texas A&M University-San Antonio Foundation, (\$47,000), Mares-PI
2023	Undergraduate Faculty Travel Grant, American Association of Immunologist, (\$2,250), Mares
2021-2022	Research Council Award, Texas A&M University-San Antonio (\$10,000); Davida Smyth and Chris Mares (Co-PI's)
2021-2022	Faculty Research Fellowship, College of Arts & Sciences, Texas A&M University-San Antonio (\$10,000); Chris Mares and Davida Smyth Co-PI's
2018	Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, College of Arts & Science, Texas A&M University-San Antonio (\$2,000); Mares-PI
2013-2014	Minority Supplement Award, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke (R01 NS078501 02S1), Department of Biology, UTSA, (\$139,650); Dr. Judy Teale-PI
2013	Mentored Teaching Award, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, UTHSCSA (\$8,000); Mares-PI
2011-2012	Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, National Research Council of The National Academy of Sciences; (\$40,000); Chris Mares-PI, Sponsors: Dr. Thirumala-Devi Kanneganti and Dr. Molly Bergman
2008-2010	National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Aging Dissertation Award (R36 AG033400); (\$106,367); Chris Mares-PI
2005-2006	Microbial Pathogenesis Training Grant (T32 AI7271), Department of Microbiology and Immunology, (\$22,500), UTHSCSA Sponsor: Dr. Judy M. Teale

Completed/Not Funded:

2024-2025	Request for Advanced Microplate and Optical Reader for Research Enhancement at Texas A&M University-San Antonio. Support for Instrumentation at Resource Limited Institutions. National Institute for General Medicine (Direct cost: \$200,983.90); Not discussed. Chris Mares-PI; Davida Smyth-Co-I
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- 2023-2024 Characterization of immune and wound healing responses caused by systemic fungal infections (Revised and new submission). Support for Research Excellence-First (R16), National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (Direct cost: \$500,000); Chris Mares-PI *received a score (49) and was discussed but was not funded
- 2022-2023 Characterization of dissemination and inflammation caused by systemic fungal infections (Re-submission-A1). Support for Research Excellence (R16), National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (Direct cost: \$500,000); Chris Mares-PI *received a score (25) and was discussed but was not funded
- 2021-2022 Characterization of dissemination and inflammation caused by systemic fungal infections (Re-submission-A1). Support for Research Excellence (R16), National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (Direct cost: \$450,000); Chris Mares-PI *received a score (40) and was discussed but was not funded
- 2021 Enhancing Research Capabilities to Study Systemic Infections. Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions Equipment/Instrumentation, Department of Defense (\$169,067); Chris Mares-PI
- 2017-2018 Acquisition of a Confocal Laser Scanning Microscope for Cross-Disciplinary Multi-User Research. Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions Equipment/Instrumentation, Department of Defense and NSF; Matt Crook-PI; Corinna Ross, Co-I; Chris Mares Co-I, Alan Daniel Co-I, Jerod Bucher, Co-I

SERVICE:

Service to the College/University:

- 2025 Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Manager for Environmental, Health & Safety
- 2024 College of Education and Human Development Curriculum and Instruction Science Education Faculty Search Committee
- 2024 College of Education and Human Development Kinesiology Assistant Professor of Instruction Faculty Search Committee
- 2023-present Life Sciences tutor for prospective students seeking Texas Education Agency Classroom Teacher Certification
- 2023-present College of Arts & Sciences Promotion and Tenure Review Committee
- 2023-present JagsROAR College of Education Educator Preparation Day
- 2023-present JagX Faculty Mixer

2023-present	Chair, Health Professions Advisory Committee
2023-present	College of Education and Human Development Advisory Council, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2022-present	Chair, Institutional Biosafety Committee
2022-present	Honors Advisory Committee
2021-present	Cross-Discipline Education Committee
2019-2022	Chair, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
2019	Interim Vice Chair, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
2018-2020	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board-Biology Field of Study Advisory Committee
2019	Biology/Composite Science Teacher Certification Panel
2017-2023	Health Professions Advisory Committee
2017-2019	College level Curriculum Committee
2017-2018	JagTracks 3 and 4 development committee

Service to the Department:

2026	Visiting one year lecturer search committee, Department of Natural Sciences
2025	Microbiology Instructional Assistant Professor search committee, Department of Natural Sciences
2025	TAMUSA representative at ABRCMS recruitment event
2024-present	Faculty mentor for new chemistry faculty member, Department of Natural Sciences
2024-present	Faculty Evaluation Committee, Department of Natural Sciences
2023-2024	Cellular/Molecular/Developmental Biology Search Committee Chair
2023-present	Department of Natural Sciences Promotion and Tenure Review Committee
2023	Community Health Faculty Search Committee (Asst. Prof. and Asst. Prof. Program Coordinator)
2021-present	Biology Program Graduate Admissions Committee
2020-2021	Molecular Microbiologist/Virologist Faculty Search Committee
2020-2021	Animal Physiologist Faculty Search Committee
2020-2021	Anatomy & Physiology Faculty Search Committee-1
2020-2021	Anatomy & Physiology Faculty Search Committee-2
2020-2021	Supplemental Instructor Faculty Advisory Group
2019-2020	Wildlife Biology Faculty Search Committee
2018	Systematist/Water-related Biology Faculty Search Committee
2018-present	Texas A&M College of Medicine Summer Undergraduate Research Selection Committee Chair
2017, 2019	New Student Orientation Faculty representative
2017-present	Liaison/On-site mentor for UT-Health MIMG undergraduate research program
2017	Developmental Biology Faculty Search Committee
2017	Adjunct Lecturer Search Committee
2017	Chair Anatomy & Physiology Lecturer Search Committee
2016-2017	STEM building – Biology program

2016-present General Biology/Life Sciences planning committee
2016-present Sponsor-Pre-Health Society

Service to the Profession/Community:

2025-present BioSpark consultant, Alamo BioCenter
2025 Pet diagnostics consultant, iGenomeDx
2025 Ad hoc reviewer for *Journal of Microbiological Education*
2024-present Viva Science! presenter
2024-present Parent Panelist, Zaragoza, St. Mary's University
2024 JMC Lecturer, St. Mary's University
2024 Invited alumnus-STEM Careers in Academia, School of Math, Science, and Engineering, University of the Incarnate Word
2024 Ad hoc reviewer for *Veterinary Microbiology*
2024 Ad hoc reviewer for *Cell Communication and Signaling*
2024 Ad hoc reviewer for *Archives of Microbiology*
2022-present Discussion Leader on the Alumni Panel for Ph.D. student interview sessions, IBMS program, UTHSCSA
2023 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (American Society for Microbiology) Poster and Presentation Judge-Immunology, Phoenix, Arizona
2020-2021 Advisor at iGenomeDx for COVID-19 testing and molecular diagnostics
2019-2020 Biology Advisory Committee, St. Philip's College
2017 UTSA College of Science Poster Judge
2016-2019 Core4STEM Hispanic Chamber of Commerce presenter
2016-present Science Olympiad Subject Facilitator
2016 Sul Ross gifted and talented presenter, Northside ISD, San Antonio, TX
2008 Science Fair Judge, Forbes Elem., San Antonio ISD, San Antonio, Texas
2012-2017 Career Day presenter, Linton Elem., Northside ISD, San Antonio, Texas
2006 Volunteer practice judge, Academic Decathlon, O.W. Holmes High School, Northside ISD, San Antonio, Texas
2002-2010 Catechist, 1st, 4th, and 5th grade Holy Rosary Parish, San Antonio, Texas

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

2024-present Science Teachers Association of Texas
2022-present Texas Association of Advisors for Health Professions
2017-present American Association for the Advancement of Science
2017-present American Association for Immunologists
2017-present National Association for Biology Teachers
2017-present American Society for Microbiology