

CAMPUS ADVISORY BOARD
OCTOBER 2, 2026

ENROLLMENT OVERVIEW

FALL 2026 OUTCOMES
& SEP 2030 UPDATES



FALL 2026 ENROLLMENT



New Institutional Record



FALL 2026 ENROLLMENT
ON CAMPUS AND ONLINE

	41,287	TOTAL
	33,001	UNDERGRADUATE
	8,286	GRADUATE
	7,205	FIRST-YEAR
	2,057	TRANSFER
	822	VOLS ONLINE¹

FALL 2025 ENROLLMENT
ON CAMPUS AND ONLINE

40,421	
32,041	
8,380	
7,143	
1,605	
500	

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

37,580 On-Campus

3,707 Vols Online



STUDENT SUCCESS OUTCOMES



93.1% Retention Rate
76.6% 6-Year Grad Rate
71.4% 4-Year Grad Rate

Source: UTK Enrollment Management Data. Final Enrollment as of August 31, 2026.

¹ Vols Online headcount represents students enrolled in fully-online programs. 822 reflects UG enrollment.



FALL 2026 FIRST-YEAR OUTCOMES

FIRST-YEAR ACADEMIC PROFILE



28.9 ACT | 4.29 GPA

82.2% *EARNED A 4.0 GPA OR HIGHER*

TENNESSEE HIGHLIGHTS

4,324 In-state Enrolled, 2,392 Met Guaranteed Admission

75.2%

In-state Admit Rate

39.7%

Out-of-State Admit Rate

95.5% *TENNESSEE ACCESS RATE*

Tennessee applicants offered a guaranteed pathway to attend UT through Fall 2026 admission or participation in a Pathway Program



TOP COUNTIES

1. Knox
2. Williamson
3. Shelby
4. Davidson
5. Hamilton



TOP STATES

OUTSIDE TENNESSEE

1. Illinois
2. Texas
3. North Carolina
4. Virginia
5. New Jersey

Source: UTK Enrollment Management Data.



FALL 2026 TRANSFER & PATHWAYS

GROWING OUR OWN TRANSFER PIPELINES

GROWTH VS FALL 2025

+15.7%

ACADEMIC PROFILE

3.29 GPA



**28% OF TRANSFER ENROLLEES
ALSO APPLIED AS A FIRST-YEAR**



TOP COUNTIES

- 1. Knox
- 2. Williamson
- 3. Blount
- 4. Hamilton
- 5. Davidson



TOP STATES *OUTSIDE TENNESSEE*

- 1. California
- 2. Illinois
- 3. Virginia
- 4. Florida
- 5. Georgia

FALL 2026 GUARANTEED TRANSFER PATHWAYS | Verto Vols, UT Access Collaborative, & Rocky Top Transfer

686
TOTAL

155
VERTO VOLS

266
UTAC

265
RTT

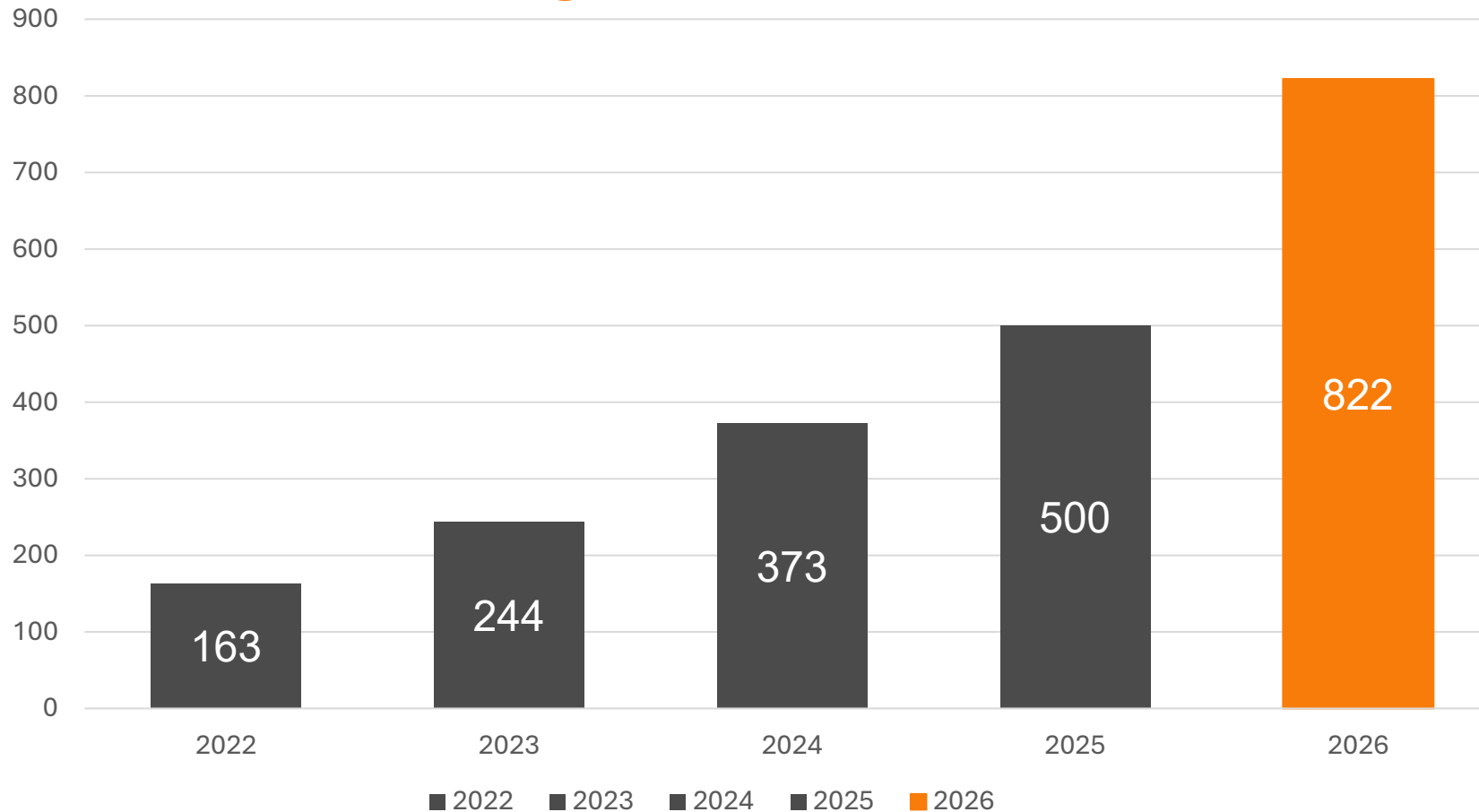
Source: UTK Enrollment Management Data.



VOLS ONLINE

GROWING UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT, SERVING TENNESSEANS

Undergraduate Online Enrollment



+ 64.4%
Increase from 2025

+ 404.3%
Increase from 2022

81.4%
*In-state enrollment
for Fall 2026*

Source: Institutional Research and Strategic Analysis

2030 GROWTH STRATEGY

ENROLLMENT PLAN & COMMITMENTS

UT's comprehensive growth strategy is dedicated to expanding educational access, enhancing academic excellence, and delivering an unparalleled Volunteer experience. We aim to empower and prepare Tennessee's economy for the future through workforce development and innovative research while fostering a community where every Vol is prepared to thrive.



VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Deliver An Exceptional Student Experience



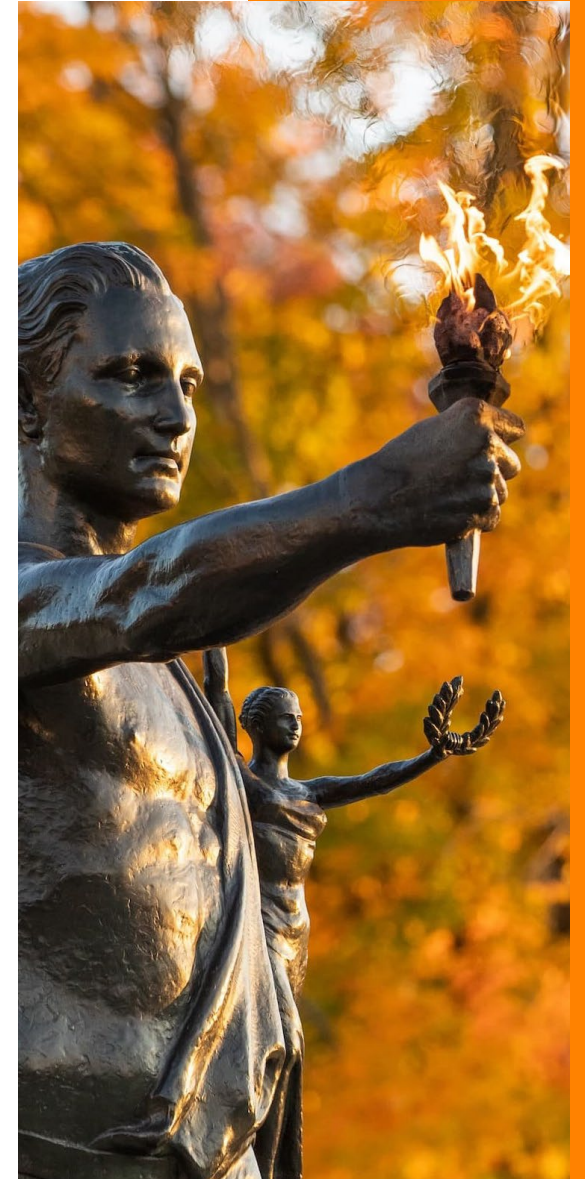
55,000 STUDENTS ENROLLED

2030 Total Enrollment (Campus-Based & Fully-Online)



50,000 NEW GRADUATES

By 2030 to Support Tennessee's Workforce



QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

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Faculty and Research

October 2, 2026



THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE

Fall 2026 Faculty Update

Preliminary results. Official count occurs November 1.

OVERALL: NEW FACULTY

Non-tenure-track	118
On tenure-track or tenured	68
Total	186

TOP 5 AREAS: TENURED/TENURE-TRACK

- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Biomedical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Management and Entrepreneurship
- Physics and Astronomy



Faculty Highlights

National Science Foundation CAREER awards

- Ahmedullah Aziz and Sai Swaminathan, Min H. Kao Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Tickle College of Engineering

Pew Scholar in the Biomedical Sciences

- Andrew Monteith, Microbiology, College of Arts and Sciences

Fulbright Scholars (2026-27)

- Michael Granatosky, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, College of Arts and Sciences (Brazil)
- Jonathan Hasford, Marketing, Haslam of Business (Brazil)
- Heather Kelly, Entomology & Plant Pathology, UTIA (Brazil, Distinguished Fulbright Scholar)
- Anne Langendorfer, English and Judith Anderson Herbert Writing Center, College of Arts and Sciences (Finland)
- Jill Mikucki, Microbiology, College of Arts and Sciences (New Zealand)

Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science / Fellow, Soil Science Society of America

- Joe Zhuang, Biosystems Engineering & Soil Science, UTIA



Ahmedullah Aziz and Sai Swaminathan

International Research Fellow of the Oxford University Centre for Corporate Reputation

- Tim Pollock, Management & Entrepreneurship, Haslam College of Business

Fellow, National Academy of Kinesiology

- Scott Crouter, Kinesiology, Recreation, and Sport Studies, College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences

Preeminent Faculty Initiative

Shaundra Daily, AI, human centric computing, affective computing

Graham Thomas, Digital health

Carolyn Anderson, Radiopharmaceutical chemistry

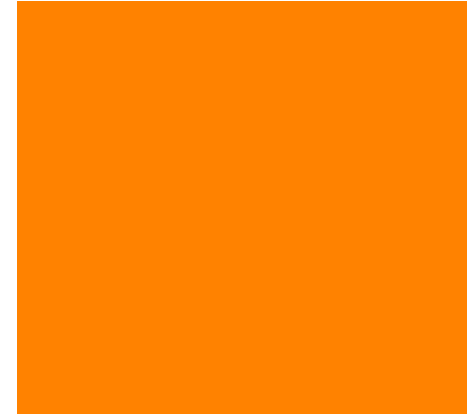
Laurent Capolungo, Multiscale modeling of materials and structures under extreme conditions

Jeffery Tomberlin, Circular bioeconomy

Orlando Rojas, Sustainable and advanced materials

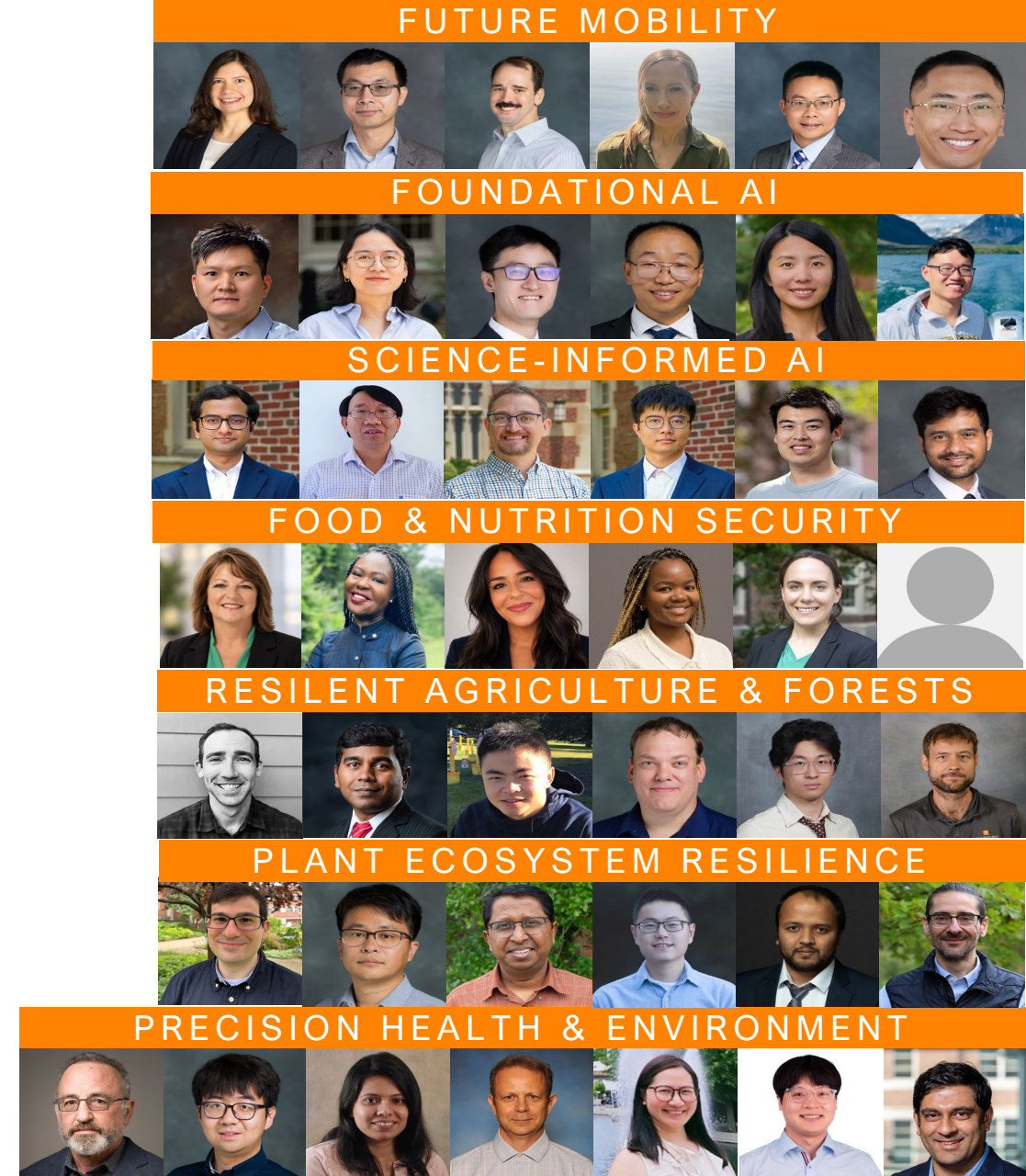
Kimberly Powell, Precision health in aging populations

Deep Jariwala, Quantum materials, next generation electronic devices



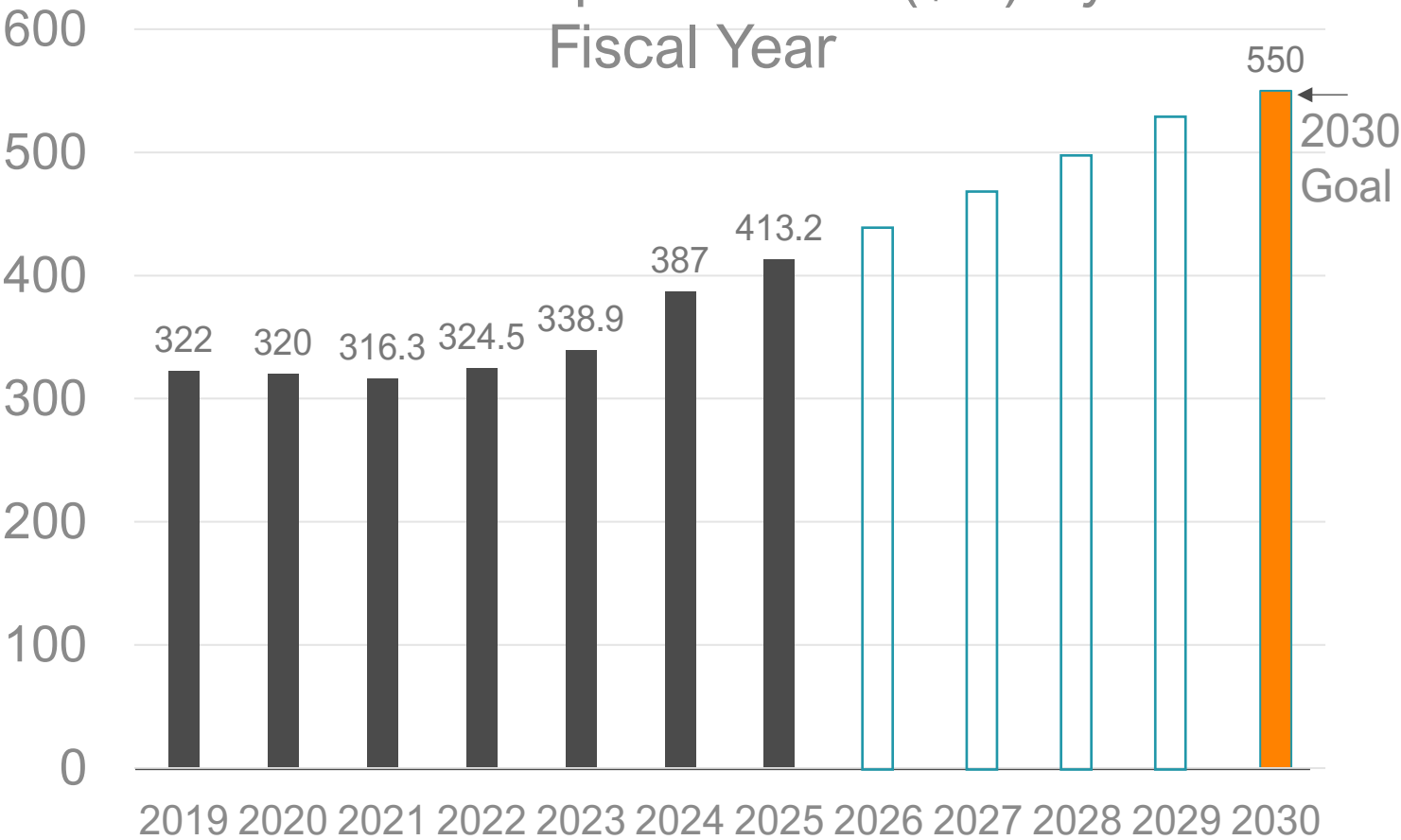
Cluster Hiring Initiative

- \$50 million investment
- 7 clusters
- 42 new faculty
- 25 hiring departments
- 10 hiring colleges and schools
- 2 joint hires with UT Medical
- Communities of Scholars now generating joint proposals, publications, curricula, and more



Rising to the Next Level

UT R&D Expenditures* (\$M) By Fiscal Year



* expenditures reported in NSF Higher Education R&D (HERD) survey



Powering Regional Innovation

BRIDGES: Biobased Rural Innovation for Domestic Growth & Economic Security
converting Southeastern crops into sustainable consumer goods and reviving rural economies

\$160M award

from the National Science Foundation



Niki Labbe, UTIA

Crops to Products

- Improved miscanthus and switchgrass
- Use-inspired R&D for packaging, automotive and construction materials
- Products designed for circularity and sustainability

The Ecosystem

- 85 partners: 18 academic, 42 industry, 25 stakeholders
- Workforce programs from K-12 to reskilling
- Commercialization team with BioVenture Studio and \$250M capital fund

**10-YEAR
IMPACT**

\$310M

annual regional impact

\$2B

capital investment

4,000

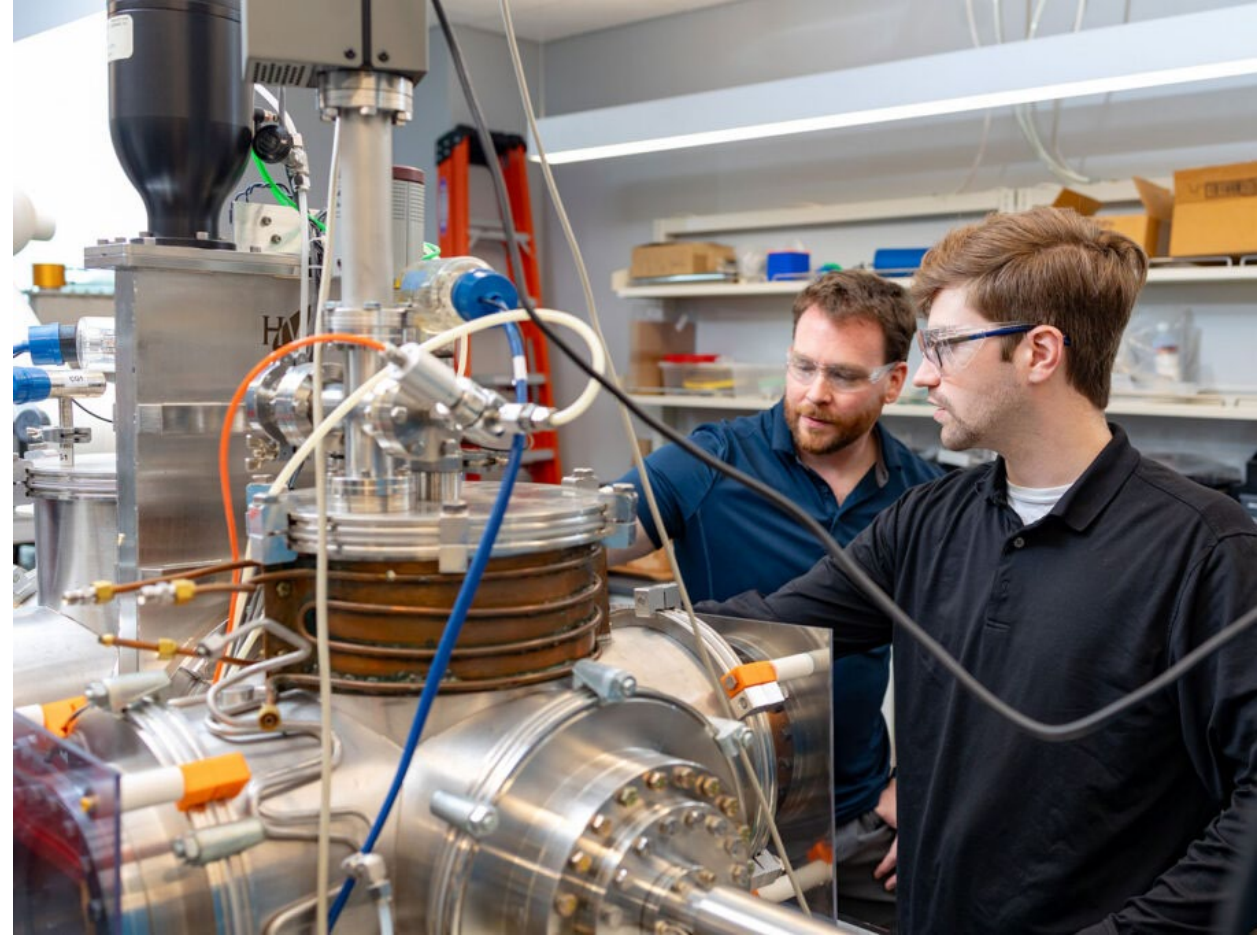
new jobs

10,000+

citizens directly impacted

UT & Partners Powering TN's Nuclear Renaissance

- TN/ORNL/UT/TVA position Oak Ridge as a DOE Nuclear Lifecycle Innovation Campus
- UT/Type One receive \$2.9M to develop fusion blanket technology
- Type One/UT/ORNL develop \$10M experimental high-heat flux testing facility
- UT/Y-12 launch National Security Prototype Center
- UT/Kairos Power/ORNL support Nuclear Center for Advanced Nuclear Manufacturing & Workforce Development



UT & UT Medical Launch Cancer Initiative

>200 Researchers & clinicians in Cancer Wellness Research Institute

\$7.7M UTM secured for mobile lung cancer screening in 21 counties

~300K Pathology reports staged by joint UT-UTM AI pipeline

\$25M+ In cancer research proposals underway (NIH, EU Horizon)

MOBILE CT · \$7.7M FUNDED

Rural Lung Cancer Screening

A 45-ft mobile CT unit has screened across 21 counties since fall 2025, where lung cancer incidence runs about 3× the national rate.

UTM · UT Engineering

LIVE PIPELINE · ~300K REPORTS

AI Pathology & Breast Cancer Staging

Automates cancer staging from pathology reports, now extending to mammography as UTM's mobile fleet grows.

UT Industrial & Systems Engineering · UTM

NIH PURSUIT · \$10M · IN DEVELOPMENT

PRIMED-AI

Multimodal AI decision tools for rural lung cancer risk and breast cancer staging, tested for fairness across Appalachian communities.

UT · UTM · NTT DATA

NIH · \$5M · IN DEVELOPMENT

CADET: Cancer AI Across Borders

Tests cancer AI in both Appalachian Tennessee and Türkiye to separate disease biology from health-system artifact. No patient records cross borders.

UT · UTM · ORNL · international partners

RADIOTHERANOSTICS

Cyclotron Collaboration Facility

Shared cyclotrons to produce emerging isotopes not yet available in Tennessee, for cancer imaging, targeted alpha therapies and clinical trials.

UT · UTM · ORNL · Siemens Healthineers

LAUNCHING 2026

Two New Cancer Centers

A Center on the microbiome's role in cancer, and a Center for Family-Focused Cancer Care advancing rural cancer wellness across Appalachia.

UT Arts & Sciences and Nursing · UTM · UTHSC

Thank you