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The **Texas Alzheimer’s Research and Care Consortium** (TARCC) is a collaboration between 11 of the state’s leading medical research institutions, working to improve early diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Alzheimer’s disease. <https://www.txalzresearch.org/about-tarcc/>

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Initially, TARCC established a multisite clinical cohort (the [Texas Harris Alzheimer's Research Study](https://www.txalzresearch.org/research/the-texas-harris-alzheimers-research-study/)) which contains longitudinal clinical, neuropsychiatric, genetic, and blood biomarker data on 3,670 participants diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, mild cognitive impairment, and healthy aging participants, with over 40% of the sample being Hispanic, making this a unique database that is available to investigators.

In 2018, to promote the best dementia-related science among Texas investigators, TARCC shifted to a grants-based program which solicits grant applications from investigators at TARCC institutions and has provided more than $29 million to Texas researchers since its inception. Impressively, TARCC has contributed to the careers and scientific productivity of Texas researchers in the basic and clinical sciences, with investigators bringing in more than $159 million in external grant funds, reflecting at least a 5.1-fold return-on-investment for TARCC grant awards.

TARCC also sponsors an annual dementia research conference in Austin, where TARCC investigators are invited to present their latest data and hear from other experts in the field. This year the conference had over 270 attendees, with research presentations from all TARCC institutions, including UT Southwestern. Next year’s conference will be held on January 22, 2026.

The TARCC request for applications is now available and invites applications from basic, clinical, and translational scientists, with an emphasis on junior investigators. If you have questions about TARCC, feel free to contact munro.cullum@utsouthwestern.edu.