Manjeet Rao, Ph.D. (right), assistant professor of cellular and structural biology, was one of several HSC faculty awarded research grants and faculty recruitment funds.

HSC researchers receive support from cancer institute

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Nearly $8 million in cancer-related research grants and faculty recruitment funds were awarded to the Health Science Center by the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT), surpassing previous amounts awarded by the same group.

HSC faculty competed with nearly 600 grant applicants to receive the highly competitive funds. They are:

- **Amelie Ramirez, Dr.P.H.**, professor and director of the Institute for Health Promotion Research and associate director of Cancer Prevention and Health Disparities at the CTRC, with co-investigators **Kipling Gallion, M.A.**, and **Patricia Chalela, Dr.P.H.**, received $1.4 million.
- **Ricardo Aguiar, M.D., Ph.D.**, associate professor of medicine and biochemistry, received $854,740.
- **Devalingam Mahalingam, M.D., Ph.D.**, oncologist and assistant professor of medicine and biochemistry, received $854,740.
- **Devalingam Mahalingam, M.D., Ph.D.**, oncologist and assistant professor of medicine, received $825,285.
- **Patricia Dahia, M.D., Ph.D.**, associate professor of medicine, received $881,446.
- **Manjeet Rao, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of cellular and structural biology at the Greehey Children’s Cancer Research Institute, received $900,000.
- **Thomas Boyer, Ph.D.**, professor of molecular medicine, received $200,000.
- **Daisy Morales-Campos, Ph.D.**, instructor/research of epidemiology and biostatistics at the Institute for Health Promotion Research, with **Deborah Parra-Medina, Ph.D.**, professor of epidemiology and biostatistics, received $149,985.
- **Deborah Parra-Medina, M.P.H., Ph.D.**, and principal investigator **Meizi He, M.D., M.Sc., Ph.D.**, at The University of Texas at San Antonio, received $573,095.
- A recruitment grant for a potential faculty member was also awarded. **Tim Huang, Ph.D.**, professor and chairman of molecular medicine, prepared this recruitment proposal that received $2 million.