

RESEARCH NEWS

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[NIH Fiscal Policies in Effect for Fiscal Year 2018](#)

NIH funding levels, National Research Service Award stipend increases, Early Stage Investigator R01 applications, salary limit increases and other legislative mandates are detailed.

[President picks Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy](#)

Kelvin Droegemeier, PhD, the vice president for research at the University of Oklahoma and a climate change scientist, was named on August 1, 2018 as the president's science adviser. "He is an experienced scientist with an impressive record of public service," said Michael Halpern, deputy director of the Union of Concerned Scientists' Center for Science and Democracy. "The Senate should move quickly to vet and consider his nomination so that the vacuum of science advice within the White House can begin to be filled."

[New AAMC Study examines Career Trends among MD-PhD Program Graduates](#)

The report shows that those with federally supported education, keep conducting research and developing new diagnostics, devices, and treatments. The [National MD-PhD Program Outcomes Study](#), tracks MD-PhD dual-degree program graduates over 50 years (1964–2014) and highlights their career paths, including where they work, what kinds of research they do, and how successful they have been at securing research funding.

[Changing the Status of a PD/PI: Reminder of the NIH Prior Approval Policy](#)

NIH has a prior approval policy for when an institution has to change out a PI or other senior/key personnel on a Notice of Award. (NIH, for the most part, awards grants to institutions.) When a PI accepts a new position, the home institution needs NIH's approval to send the grant to the new employer, so the PI can continue to work on the project. Or, the home institution may keep the award and replace the PI with someone who takes over the PI's original responsibilities (i.e., with NIH approval).

[Defining a "study" when providing information on the PHS Human Subject and Clinical Trial form?](#)

It's sometimes tough to decide whether two closely related protocols should be considered a single study. According to NIH, if you have research activities with the same human subject population that follow the same core research protocol/procedures and you combine the data for aggregate analysis, it is considered a single study on the PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trial form.

Showcase of Medical Discoveries – COBRES

Join us on [Sept. 19, 2018](#) for the 14th Medical Showcase reception [from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.](#) held on the [10th floor of the Cancer Institute](#) and focused on UAMS Centers for Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRES). Each showcase is open to all interested faculty, students, and staff. The series ongoing goals include fostering communication and collaboration between investigators and increasing awareness of exciting research in Arkansas.

[Faculty Research Enhancement \(FRE\) Awards](#)

FRE Awards are available for UAMS faculty members to engage in a short-term activity to strengthen/enhance their research capabilities (e.g., participation in a structured workshop, a visit to another university/research institute to learn a new technique, or to analyze data). UAMS faculty (i.e., assistant professor or higher) are eligible. Applicants may request up to \$7,000 in support. Allowable expenses include transportation costs, accommodations/lodging, meals, registration, supplies and facility fees.

[Research Buildings and Equipment](#)

For questions about research buildings, freezers, poster boards, surplus furniture, etc., see the research webpage detailing use and contact information in the case of a problem or to move equipment, etc. For more research information, the [Toolbox webpage](#) has links to over 30 programs, procedures, and UAMS research support groups.

[Research Support Information Network \(RESIN\)](#)

RESIN is on summer break. The next meeting will be at noon, September 4, 2018 in the Walton Auditorium on the 10th floor of the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute. Past RESIN presentations are archived [here](#).

[Up Close and Amazing – Research Staff](#)

In order to better acquaint faculty with various research support folks and their jobs, a research staff person is highlighted on the Research website [here](#). This month, Up Close & Amazing focuses on TRI Executive Director – Amy Jo Jenkins.

[Ask Me About My Research](#)

Researchers are often called upon to explain their work to the lay public, friends, neighbors, donors, state representatives and even the person in the next seat on a flight to/from a conference or study section. So, it's important to be able to highlight your work in 2-3 minutes and increase awareness of your exciting research. Along with an easy formula (see link above), campaign style buttons with *Ask Me About My Research* are available for all UAMS researchers. Contact Linda Williams, ldwilliams@uams.edu to get yours.

CONGRATS TO:

UAMS Research grants received are listed on the *research.uams.edu* website. Look under the **Grants & Funding** tab and pull down - [Grants Awarded](#). Listed by Principal Investigator and College/Dept., the page is updated with the previous month's awards by the 15th of each month.

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