

## RESEARCH NEWS

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### [New Resources Available for Basic Experimental Studies with Humans \(BESH\) Funding Opportunities](#)

Not all studies under the NIH definition of a “clinical trial” are “clinical” in nature. Over 10,000 trials registered in ClinicalTrials.gov indicate that their primary purpose is basic research. NIH's new funding opportunities, “[Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required](#)” are for studies that meet the definition of basic research and also are subject to clinical trials policies based on the NIH definition of a clinical trial.

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### [Data Sharing in Research](#)

As data sharing becomes increasingly common, there has not been a way to track and credit the data contributions of academic researchers. Now leaders in academic medicine can track the use of shared datasets to better determine value/impact. NIH just released [a proposal](#) to update its data sharing guidelines for the first time in 15 years.

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### [New 2-Step Submission Process for RPPRs with Inclusion Enrollment Data](#)

Following the new Human Subjects System (HSS), a new two-step submission process is in place for any Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR) with inclusion enrollment updates via HSS and/or a separate submission for the full RPPR via eRA Commons.

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### [New Protection of Human Subjects website](#)

Obtain useful information about proposing/conducting NIH extramural research involving human subjects (e.g., policies, regulations, training, resources, and updated information on the revised human subject regulation (Common Rule).

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### [Changes to the R15 Academic Research Enhancement Award \(AREA\), and the new R15 Research Enhancement Award Program \(REAP\)](#)

NIH is changing the R15 activity code. While it will continue to provide R15 research enhancement opportunities for health professional and graduate schools, AREA will be reserved for grants to undergraduate-focused institutions without substantial NIH funding. REAP will have its own set of FOAs, distinct from health professional schools and graduate schools of arts and sciences.

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### [A Collection of the Latest NIH Policy Changes](#)

There have been a host of changes in the way NIH handles research in the past 6 – 12 months. The link above describes the majority of these changes in one place.

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### [Majority of MD-PhD Graduates Pursue Research](#)

The AAMC's [National MD-PhD Program Outcomes](#) Study with data on 50 years of MD-PhD program alumni offers key insights into the work of physician-scientists. The report details how “almost 80% of MD-PhD survey respondents work in places w research, develop new devices and treatments, and help train the next generation of scientists and clinicians.”

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### [2019 Arkansas Bioinformatics Consortium Meeting at UAMS](#)

AR-BIC is an Arkansas-centric bioinformatics community for developing, leveraging, and enhancing state-wide scientific collaboration. It forms a strong environment for supporting

Arkansas-wide research, education, training, and entrepreneurial/industrial activities in life sciences-related computing. The 2019 AR-BIC theme is Bioinformatics in Food and Agriculture.

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#### [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.

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#### [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.

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

The next RESIN meeting will be at noon, February 5, 2019 in the Walton Auditorium on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute. Past RESIN presentations are archived [here](#).

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#### [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 Kay Shuttleworth, Biostatistician and DCOC grant IRB Administrator.

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#### [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](mailto:ldwilliams@uams.edu) to get yours.

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#### [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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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