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[Enhancing Diversity at NIH-Funded Conferences](#)

NIH continues to focus not just on gender equity, but on ensuring greater diversity in all aspects of the biomedical workforce. A guide notice ([NOT-OD-21-053](#)) updating [NIH R13/U13 Conference Grant](#) applicants and recipients requirements was recently issued. The new requirements are part of wider NIH initiatives for [diversifying the biomedical workforce](#)

[Explore RePORTER's State Map Visualizations](#)

RePORTER's main search page has a new map - highlighting active NIH projects by state. These interactive maps allow you to pinpoint local area funding specifics. Check out [Arkansas' information](#).

[See NIH's New COVID-19 Research Website](#)

The site offers a central location for trusted, up-to-date, accurate NIH information and its strategic role in COVID-19 research. It complements information on the [COVID-19: Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding](#) webpage.

[Review Integrity: Sharing an Application Under Review](#)

Sharing an application with people not involved in the peer review process is forbidden. It undermines the integrity of peer review. It disregards the confidentiality required of peer reviewers, who specifically sign a confidentiality agreement before accessing applications. And it is specifically prohibited by NIH peer review policy. Institutional disciplinary action often results from such actions.

[Writing An Effective NIH "K" Application: A Video Guide](#)

Looking for help on K Award applications? Dr. Kay Lund, Dir., Div. of Biomedical Research Workforce, offers great tips in a 25-minute YouTube video, "Writing an Effective 'K' Application." It is designed for junior investigators and those assisting with the scientific portions of an application. Avoiding common mistakes and typical misconceptions about the review process are also discussed.

[eRA Will Require Login.gov to Access eRA Commons, ASSIST, IAR and Commons Mobile – 2021](#)

Users will be required to use two-factor authentication (2FA) through login.gov to access eRA Commons, ASSIST, Internet Assisted Review (IAR), and Commons Mobile by September 15, 2021. Secure 2FA allows users to log in to four different grants systems (eRA, Grants.gov, GrantSolutions.gov and Payment Management System) using the same login.gov credentials.

[Looking Back at 2020 \(do we have to?\) NIH Blog Posts](#)

In 2020, [Open Mike](#) blog posts, 43 blogs were posted on many different subjects. Predictably, posts on grant funding and COVID-19 were the most viewed and the story is still unfolding. Research workforce was also popular. The NIH focus on early-stage investigators, on at-risk investigators, and on workforce diversity are areas in which we will concentrate in 2021 and beyond.

GRANT FUNDING

[Dept. of Defense \(DoD\) Medical Research Programs \(CDMRP\) 2021 Funding Opportunities](#)

Descriptions of the anticipated funding opportunities, eligibility, key mechanism elements, and funding can be found in the program pre-announcements at <https://cdmrp.army.mil>. Detailed descriptions of the funding opportunities, evaluation criteria, and submission requirements are shown in the specific Program Announcements.

Program Announcements are available electronically for downloading from the Grants.gov website (<http://www.grants.gov>), the CDMRP website (<https://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/prgdefault.shtml>) and the electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal (eBRAP) (<https://eBRAP.org>).

See topic areas below:

- Arthritis
- Burn pit exposure
- Cardiomyopathy
- Congenital heart disease
- Diabetes
- Dystonia
- Eating disorders
- Emerging viral diseases
- Endometriosis
- Epidermolysis bullosa
- Familial hypercholesterolemia
- Fibrous dysplasia
- Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis
- Food allergies
- Fragile X
- Frontotemporal degeneration
- Hemorrhage control
- Hepatitis B
- Hydrocephalus
- Hypertension
- Inflammatory bowel diseases
- Malaria
- Metals toxicology
- Mitochondrial disease
- Myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome
- Myotonic dystrophy
- Non-opioid therapy for pain management
- Nutrition optimization
- Pathogen-inactivated blood products
- Peripheral neuropathy
- Plant-based vaccines
- Platelet like cell production
- Polycystic kidney disease
- Pressure ulcers
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Respiratory health
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Sleep disorders and restriction
- Suicide prevention
- Sustained release drug delivery
- Vascular malformations
- Women's heart disease

[Development Enhancement Awards for Proposals \(DEAP\)](#) – address comments/revisions for faculty members who have received a [score/comments](#) on an unsuccessful proposal to a federal agency/foundation with full indirect costs. DEAP grants (\$25,000 max) help PI's obtain more data to address reviewer comments and increase a revised application's competitiveness. DEAP is strictly limited to strengthening reapplications following receipt of a scored proposal and must be submitted within 12 months of receiving review comments.

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

Available to UAMS faculty (Assistant professor or higher) for short-term activities that will strengthen/enhance their research capabilities (e.g., workshops, visiting an institution to learn a new method/analyze data). Up to \$7,000 in support for transportation costs, lodging, meals, registration, supplies and facility fees. FRE awards may be submitted anytime. Contact [Andrea McBryde](#) for details.

CONGRATULATIONS

[Research and Innovation - MVP](#)



Nicki Spencer, MHA

To get to know research support folks and their jobs, a team member(s) who actively assists research is highlighted on the Research & Innovation website.

This month's R&I MVP recognition is shared by Nicki Spencer and Rachel Hale working in community outreach in the College of Public Health and TRI.

Congratulations Nicki and Rachel!



Rachel Hale, MA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Discovering Library Services

A zoom seminar is scheduled for **Feb. 23, 2021** from **1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** with 20 minutes of Q&A to follow.

Susan Steelman, MLIS, AHIP, Professor, Library Education & Research Services section head will describe all the myriad of services and resources offered by the UAMS Library as well as literature/database searches, systemic reviews, literature analysis, and more.

Register [HERE](#).

Zoom connection information will be emailed to registrants prior to the event.

New! Research Antipasto monthly event starting in March

Research and Innovation is hosting an informal networking, casual mentoring, happy hour-ish **noon** gathering beginning **March 3, 2021**.



[Alan Tackett, PhD](#) will host our 1st gathering.

The 1st Tuesday of each month, Research

Antipasto's host will share career experiences, stories, answer questions, advise, astound, and amaze...for **20 - 30 minutes**.

Just show up, have fun, and get to know others in the research community! Hosts will be posted on the [research calendar](#).

[Connect to Research Antipasto](#)

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Contact Linda Williams,
ldwilliams@uams.edu to host.

The Pitfalls of Research Misconduct

A zoom seminar is scheduled for **March 11, 2021** from **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** with 20 minutes of Q&A.

Darri L. Scalzo, CHRC, CCRP, UAMS Research Compliance Officer will define research misconduct/red flags, explain procedures for handling allegations, and examine real world examples.

Register [HERE](#).

Zoom connection information will be emailed to registrants prior to the event.

NEW RESEARCH AND INNOVATION TEAM MEMBERS



Meet Cesiley Trevino! (CTrevino@uams.edu)

Cesiley joined the Office of Research Regulatory Affairs (ORRA) as a Regulatory Specialist II in December 2020. She served as Director of Research for the Baptist Health Center for Clinical Research since 2016, where she previously worked as Regulatory Coordinator for industry-sponsored drug and device studies. She obtained the SOCRA certification for CCRP (Certified Clinical Research Professional) in 2018.

Cesiley received a bachelor's degree from Arkansas State University and is currently working on a MS in Health Promotion at the University of Central Arkansas.



Meet Brenda Gannon! (BGannon@uams.edu)

Brenda Gannon, PhD joined ORRA as a Regulatory Specialist III in January 2021. Dr. Gannon obtained her bachelor's degrees in Mathematics, Chemistry, and Spanish from the UALR in 2011. She then received a master's certificate in Regulatory Sciences and a PhD in Interdisciplinary Toxicology from the UAMS in 2014 and 2015, respectively. After completing a Postdoctoral Fellowship, she became the Laboratory Director of Steep Hill Arkansas in 2018 where she successfully led the lab through ISO 17025:2017 accreditation. Later in 2018, Dr. Gannon became a UAMS Pharmacology Dept. adjunct member. Since 2019, she has been working as an Assistant Professor.

For specific research information/groups, the [Resources](#) webpage has links to 40 programs, services, and Research and Innovation teams.

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