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Congratulations!

October Recap of Successful Events and Awards

The Odyssey Medal Recipient

We're delighted to share the exciting news that Kevin D. Raney, Ph.D., Professor & Chair, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology has been honored with the 2023-2024 Odyssey Medal. These awards, presented by the Board of Trustees, recognize individuals whose life achievements that reflect the essence of the Hendrix Odyssey program, with a particular focus on accomplishments in various categories, including research.

In recognition of Dr. Raney's outstanding contributions, he was invited to a special reception held on October 26, 2023. We warmly invite you to join us in congratulating Dr. Raney for this well-deserved recognition.



Writing Winning NIH Grants Workshop

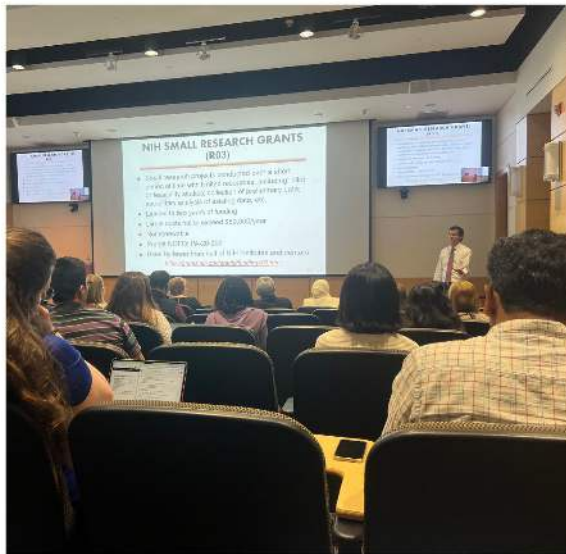
The 'Writing Winning NIH Grants Workshop' held on Tuesday, October 24, garnered an impressive turnout with 54 engaged attendees participating in this comprehensive one-day event. Notably, the first 30 registrants were privileged to receive exclusive copies of the NIH edition of 'The Grant Application Writer's Workbook.'

This workshop was presented by John D. Robertson, Ph.D. from Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops, and was sponsored by the UAMS Division of Research & Innovation.

Throughout the course of the workshop, Dr. Robertson adeptly disseminated a wealth of knowledge through a series of 85 slides, which were complemented from 'The Grant Application Writer's Workbook'.

As the workshop concluded with the final slide presentation at 4:35 p.m., some participants seized the last opportunity to pose individualized questions.

Congratulations on the success of this invaluable workshop, and we look forward to more enriching events in the future.



Arkansas Biosciences Institute Symposium

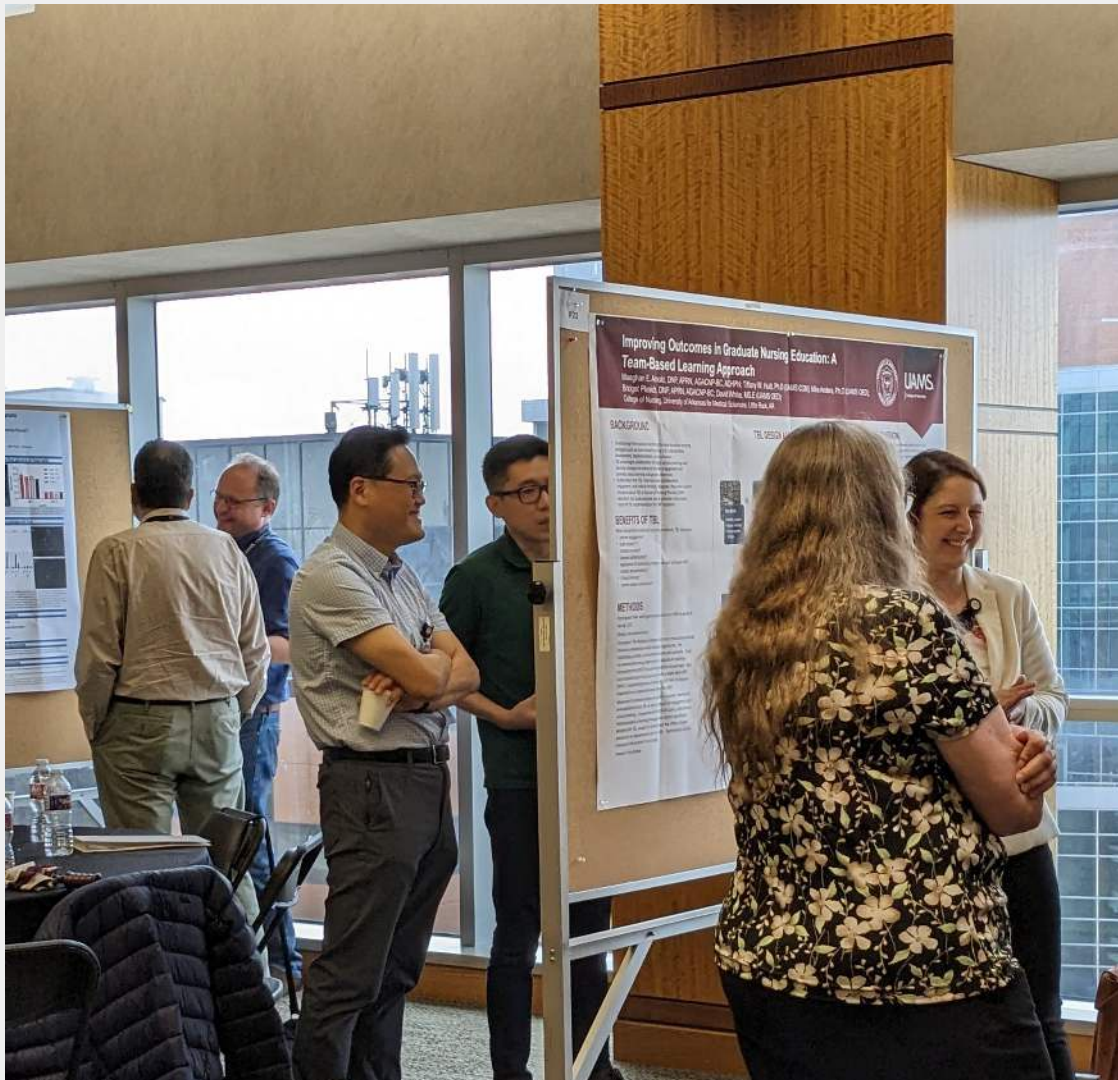
On October 4, 2023, the Arkansas Biosciences Institute held its annual Fall Research Symposium, featuring two scientific sessions.

The first session, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, included five oral presentations by ABI-funded research investigators. In the afternoon, from 12:15 pm to 2:45 pm, the event hosted Scientific Session II, a poster session featuring presenters from five different institutions, including including UAMS, the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and Arkansas State University - Jonesboro. The poster session comprised a total of 46 posters.

INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

1. **Maureen Dolan, Ph.D.**, Arkansas State University – Established Investigator of the Year

2. **Tara Johnson, M.D.**, Arkansas Children's Research Institute – New Investigator of the Year



Research & Innovation participated in the TRI Research Expo 2023

TRI hosted a Research Expo on October 11, 2023, where different departments within Research & Innovation had a booth to engage with attendees and provide essential information.

Picture below: (from left) Kerrey Roberto, IACUC Administrator; Robin Mulkey, LATG, DLAM Facility Manager; Christy Simecka, DVM, DACLAM, DLAM Director



Important Announcement!

FAQs Related to Extramural Grants

1. Who can I contact for assistance if I have questions?
2. If I have questions about a specific task during a grant cycle, which office can assist me?
3. Who can assist with an Arkansas Children's Research Institute (ACRI) salary account?

We understand that during the grant cycle, there have been concerns and issues that you have encountered, and we are committed to addressing these challenges to enhance your experience.

As part of our ongoing efforts, we are currently in the process of identifying the various tasks and parties involved in the grant process. Our goal is to streamline communication and provide clearer guidance on who to contact for assistance. To kickstart this initiative, we are excited to announce the development of a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page.

The FAQs page is designed to be a central resource where you can quickly find contact information for specific individuals or departments that can provide assistance tailored to your needs.

This webpage is a work in progress, and we are committed to continually improving it to ensure it serves you effectively. To facilitate this, we have included a Feedback and Comments section on the FAQs webpage.

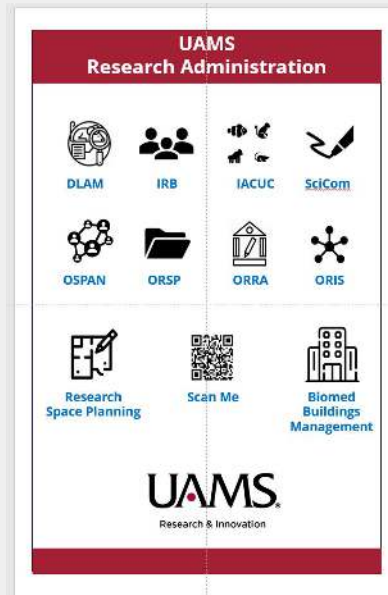
We invite you to actively participate in this process. Please visit the webpage and use the Feedback and Comments section on the FAQs webpage to share your thoughts.

[Visit FAQs Related to Extramural Grants](#)

Research Administration Booklet

The Research & Innovation office has prepared a comprehensive Research Administration Booklet that contains valuable information for all researchers.

[Click to access the digital copy.](#)



News & Upcoming Events

Research Academy Seminar Series, Nov 16th, 2023

Collaborative Program Grants for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1)

Oleg A. Barski, Ph.D.

Program Director for Biochemistry and Bio-Related
Chemistry Branch, Division of Pharmacology, Physiology and
Biological Chemistry at NIGMS/NIH



Virtual Presentation
Thursday, November 16th
12:00 – 1:00 pm

([LINK](#))

Recent & Past Presentations

Fostering Diversity in Research Excellence: Diversity Supplements

by

Jennifer Gan-Kemp, MBA, CRS

Program Administrator, Cancer Institute, and Research Instructor, UAMS Center for Health
Literacy

Oct. 26, 2023

[Click to watch](#)

Maximizing Investigators' Research Award (MIRA, R35)

by

Zhongzhen Nie, Ph.D., National Institutes of Health

Sept. 28, 2023

[Click to watch](#)

This seminar is essential for both Early Stage Investigators and established investigators with an R01 grant.

Past Seminar Series

Please click the link below to access our archive of past seminar series.:

[Grantsmanship Seminar Series](#)

[Research Administration, Grants Management, and Regulatory Affairs Seminar Series](#)

Annual Laboratory Safety Training



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Annual laboratory safety and chemical hygiene training for laboratory staff. **The initial training is required to be completed in-person.** After the initial training, annual retraining may be completed in-person or online.

In-person training is offered on the Second Tuesday at 2 p.m. of every month in the Biomed II Rayford Auditorium.

[In-person Workday Training Registration](#)

Contact: [Kate Loyd](#), Biological Safety Officer

Team R & I Announcements

Institutional Animal Care Use Committee (IACUC)

Following up from Oct, 2023 IACUC site visits:

1. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation.
2. On the Move! DEA registrations are location specific. Contact Kimberly Murphy if your drug storage area changes.
3. For shared procedure areas/equipment, please make sure the space and equipment are clean before leaving. If isoflurane scavenging canisters are used, please ensure they are weighed and dated as needed.
4. See you again in April, 2024!

Annual Team-Building Retreat

The **Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine (DLAM)/ Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)** recently held their annual team-building event in a wonderful setting at the Arkansas Waterfowl Association. It was a day filled with camaraderie and fun as the DLAM/IACUC team, UAMS researchers, and ACRI staff and researchers came together.

They enjoyed a delightful lunch, tried their hand at fishing, and engaged in exciting games. It was not only a chance to strengthen team bonds but also an opportunity for cross-collaboration with our fellow researchers from UAMS and ACRI.



Gratitude for Day of Giving



We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for your incredible support on the Day of Giving, which took place on 10/04/2023. Your generosity has made a significant impact on our mission in Research & Innovation. We would like to take a moment to express our deepest appreciation to the following remarkable individuals:

1. Aliza Brown
2. Andrew Brown
3. Darin Jones
4. Edith Paal
5. John Arthur
6. Kerrey Roberto
7. Laura Dunn
8. Leslie Taylor
9. Melinda Gunnell
10. Mickey Thomas
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12. Nancy Rusch
13. Pam Killebrew
14. Robert Griffin
15. Roy Morello
16. Shuk-Mei Ho
17. Staci Caver
18. Susan Stephens
19. Tiffany Weinkopff
20. Tracie Harrison
21. Tyrone Stephens

And 7 anonymously donors who donated on line and those who have contributed via payroll deduction.

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