




Congratulations!




John M. Arthur, M.D., Ph.D., received an award from the National Institutes of Health "CTSA K12 Program at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences"
 Period: 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2029
 Total: \$3,780,000




Matthew Jorgenson, Ph.D., received an award from the National Institutes of Health "Manipulating Undecaprenyl Phosphate Levels to Decipher Mechanisms of Competing Cell Envelope Assembly Pathways in Escherichia coli"
 Period: 6/10/2024 – 4/30/2029
 Total: \$1,863,512



Wendy Nembhard, Ph.D., MPH, FACE, received an award from the Department of Health and Human Services "DP24-004, PRC, Core: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers"
 Period: 9/30/2024 – 9/29/2029
 Total: \$1,000,000



Jure Baloh, Ph.D., MHA, received an award from the National Institutes of Health "Refining and Piloting the R3 Supervision Strategy in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs"
 Period: 7/15/2024 – 5/31/2027
 Total: \$657,103



Jason Stumhofer, Ph.D., received an award from the National Institutes of Health "Regulation of Macrophage Function during Acute Infection with Plasmodium"
 Period: 6/1/2024 – 04/30/2026
 Total: \$386,792

News and Upcoming Events

2025 Medical Research Endowment Awards

Seize the opportunity to apply before Aug 30, 2024

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All are invited!

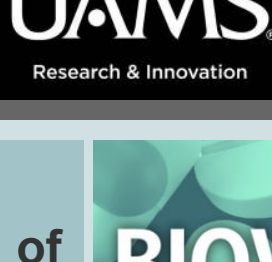
UAMS SHOWCASE OF MEDICAL DISCOVERIES

The Center for Studies of Host Response to Cancer Therapy

Sept. 25
4 – 6 p.m.

Location:
Cancer Institute
10th Floor Rotunda

Hours of desserts and beverages will be served.



We are thrilled to announce the launch of the BioVentures Podcast!



The first episode focuses on ACTIVE, featuring special guests Stefanie and Dmitri. Dr. Stefanie Kennon-McGill, Senior Program Manager for BioVentures and Dmitri Scott, Program Manager for the Arkansas Collaborative for Technological and Innovative Venture Equality (ACTIVE), sit down to discuss this new collaborative and its overall goal of assisting health entrepreneurs who are socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

[Link to the BioVentures Podcast](#)

BIOVENTURES PODCAST

EPISODE 1

The Arkansas Collaborative for Technological and Innovative Venture Equality (ACTIVE)

[Link to Episode 1](#)

Save the Date!


STUDENT RESEARCH DAY

FEB 18, 2025

UAMS Research & Innovation

A TEAM COLLABORATION: RESEARCH & INNOVATION GRADUATE SCHOOL NORTHWEST CAMPUS ACADEMIC SENATE

Planning a grant or manuscript submission?



UAMS Science Communication Group (SciCom)

The **Science Communication Group (SciCom)** is a scientific editorial resource available at no cost to help you communicate your research clearly and concisely. SciCom editors can help you increase your chances of obtaining extramural funding or publishing in peer-reviewed journals!

Contact Kerry Evans, PhD, ELS, for more information: klevans@uams.edu.

NIH IDeA Co-Funding Webinar

This webinar will explain how IDeA co-funding works

Aug 20, 2024 12:00 PM (Central Time)

Euseo Castillo, Ph.D., University of New Mexico

Click to learn more and register:
[How IDeA Co-Funding Supports Early-Career Investigators](#)

Updates from R & I Team

Welcome our new Chief of Staff, Amy Stalls

Amy Stalls, MPA, has joined the Division of Research and Innovation as the Divisional Chief of Staff. In this role, Amy will be responsible for coordinating day-to-day operations and planning and ensuring timely flow of information to and from the VCRI. She will assist the VCRI with implementing strategic objectives and strengthening collaborations both within the division and across the research community.

In her previous role, Amy worked as the Assistant Chair for the Department of Microbiology & Immunology in the College of Medicine. While in this role, was directly involved in both research and department administration. Prior to coming to UAMS, Amy worked 15+ years at Arkansas Children's Research Institute in various capacities within research administration.

Amy has a Master's of Public Administration from Arkansas State University and a Bachelor's of Communication with an emphasis in Public Relations and a Bachelor's of Political Science, both from the University of Central Arkansas.

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

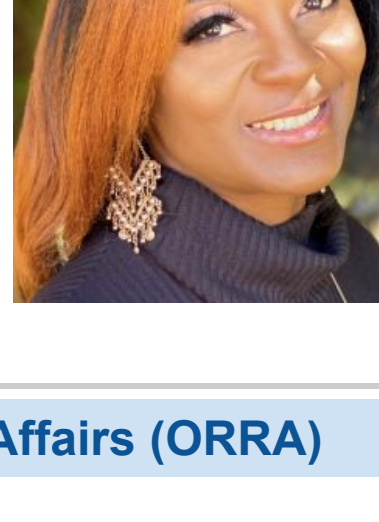
New Office Location of IRB

Please come visit the IRB office in its new location on the **first floor of the Central Building**. All of our local staff will be in the office the third Wednesday of every month, and a few of us will be available on other days each week.

Welcome Catrenia Banks, new IRB member!

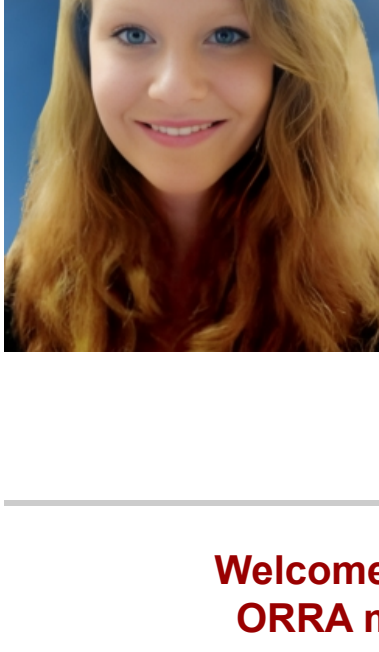
Catrenia Banks has joined the IRB office as an IRB administrator.

"I am a passionate and driven individual with a strong interest in UAMS Institutional Review Board and its operations as an IRB Administrator. I am an advanced certified research specialist within the university. I am eager to contribute my skills and knowledge as an IRB Administrator, as well as learn from the experienced professionals."



Office of Research Regulatory Affairs (ORRA)

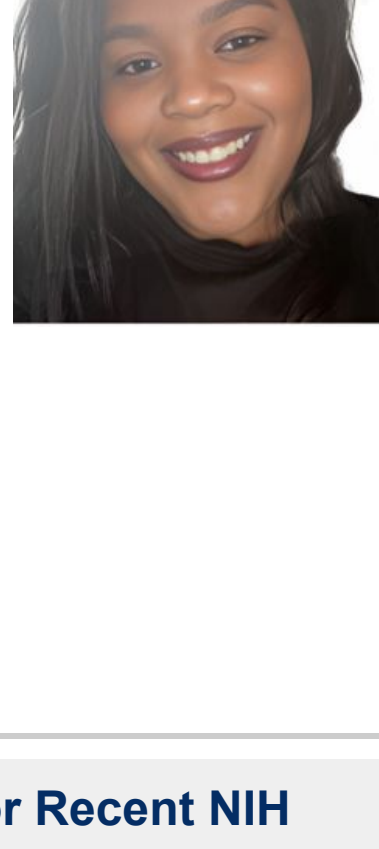
Recent Activities and Contributions of Brenda Gannon, Ph.D., Manager of Regulatory Affairs and QA



- Served on the INBRE careers panel on 6/21/2024
- Recent publication: [The development of cannabinoids as therapeutic agents in the United States](#)
- Co-author on a presentation at the 2024 International Study Group Investigating Drugs As Reinforcers (ISGIDAR) meeting entitled, "Synthetic fentanyl analogs as oral reinforcers in mice: A matter of taste"

Welcome our new ORRA member!

The Office of Research Regulatory Affairs welcomes our newest team member, **Ashley Clark, MPH, CHES**, who joins as a Clinical Research Monitoring Specialist. A native of St. Louis, MO, Ashley migrated to Arkansas in 2010 and later graduated from Philander Smith College in 2014; she went on to receive her MPH here at the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health in 2016. To fulfill a driving passion for improving public health in her new home state, Ashley served as President of the Arkansas Public Health Association from 2018-2019. Her experience in clinical research spans 8 years, during which she has gained invaluable experience working with patients suffering from various neurological and degenerative diseases. She also proudly serves as member and administrator for the organization, Black Women in Clinical Research (Midwest Chapter). Through it all, her greatest accomplishments are being a dedicated wife and mother to her 4 year old daughter.



Video Recordings Available for Recent NIH Seminars!

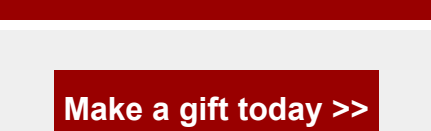
1. [Overview of the NIH Review Process](#)
 2. [Alternative Careers in Science](#)
 3. [NIH Grants Process and Finding Funding Opportunities, and The Program Officer Career Path](#)
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