
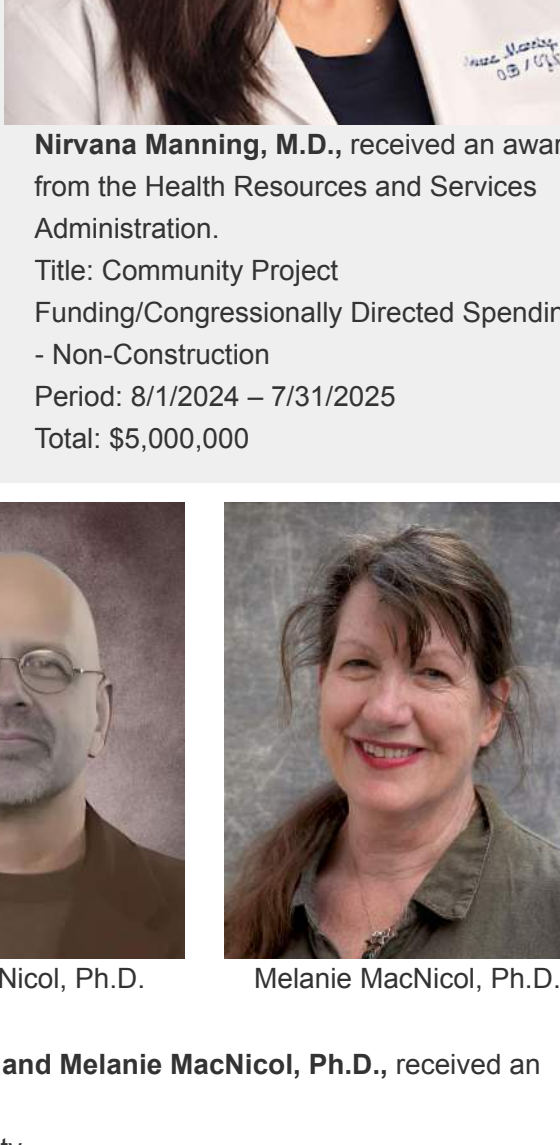



Congratulations!




Michael Birrer, M.D., Ph.D., received an award from the Health Resources and Services Administration.
Title: Community Project
Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending-Construction
Period: 9/30/2024 – 9/29/2027
Total: \$4,000,000



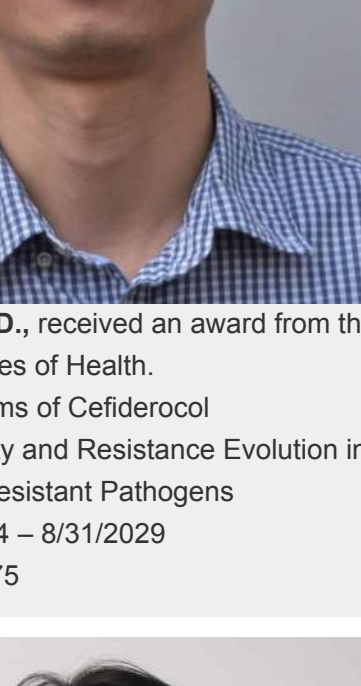
Nirvana Manning, M.D., received an award from the Health Resources and Services Administration.
Title: Community Project
Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending - Non-Construction
Period: 8/1/2024 – 7/31/2025
Total: \$5,000,000



Gwen Childs, Ph.D.




Angus MacNicol, Ph.D.




Melanie MacNicol, Ph.D.

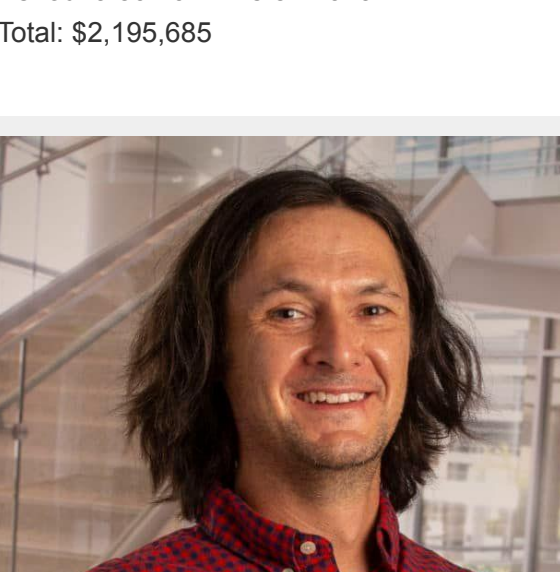
Gwen Childs, Ph.D., Angus MacNicol, Ph.D., and Melanie MacNicol, Ph.D., received an award from the National Institutes of Health.
Title: Molecular Mechanisms of Pituitary PlastiCity
Period: 9/18/2024 – 5/31/2029
Total: \$3,133,619



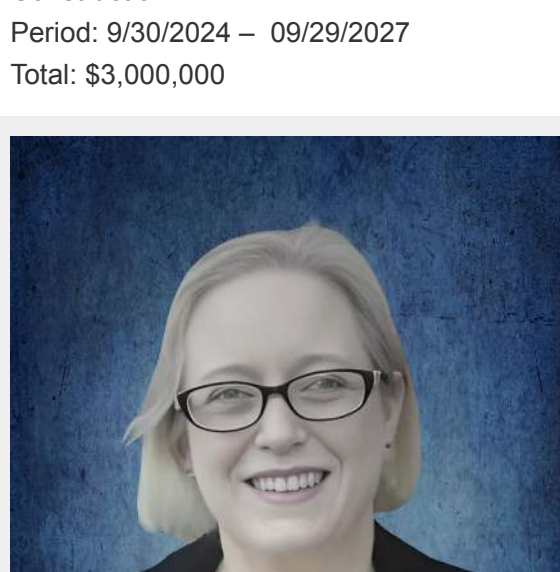
Melissa Zielinski, Ph.D., received an award from the National Institutes of Health.
Title: Effectiveness, Implementation, and Cost of Cognitive Processing Therapy in Prisons
Period: 9/30/2024 – 5/31/2029
Total: \$3,321,387



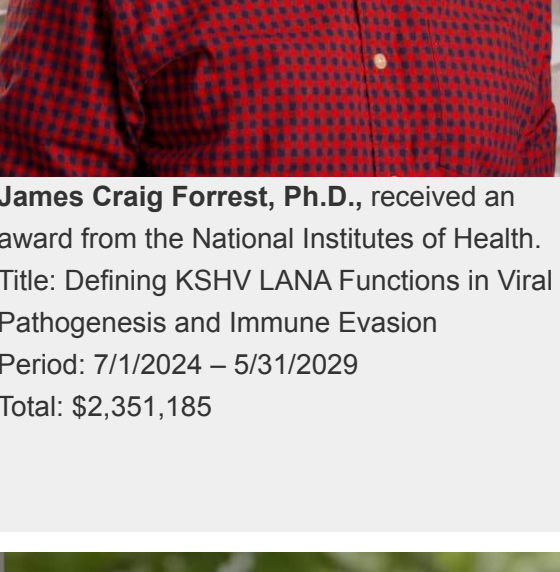
En Huang, Ph.D., received an award from the National Institutes of Health.
Title: Mechanisms of Cefiderocol Nonsusceptibility and Resistance Evolution in Carbapenem-Resistant Pathogens
Period: 9/1/2024 – 8/31/2029
Total: \$3,643,475




Abdelrahman (Abdel) Fouda, B.Pharm., Ph.D., received an award from the National Institutes of Health.
Title: Retinal Neurovascular Protection by Boosting Efferocytosis
Period: 9/30/2024 – 5/31/2029
Total: \$2,195,685



Christina Clark, MBA, received an award from the Health Resources and Services Administration.
Title: Community Project
Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending-Construction
Period: 9/30/2024 – 09/29/2027
Total: \$3,000,000



James Craig Forrest, Ph.D., received an award from the National Institutes of Health.
Title: Defining KSHV LANA Functions in Viral Pathogenesis and Immune Evasion
Period: 7/1/2024 – 5/31/2029
Total: \$2,351,185



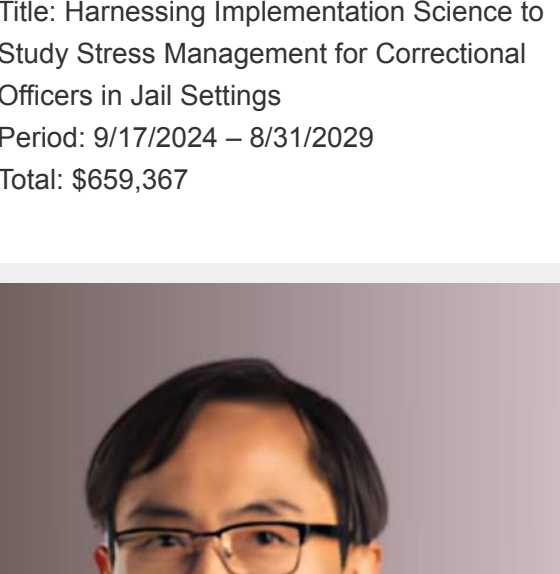
Jennifer Audrey Andersen, Ph.D., received an award from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.
Title: Effects of COVID-19 Related Medicaid Policy Changes in the Marshallese COFA Migrant Population
Period: 9/1/2024 – 6/30/2028
Total: \$1,518,849



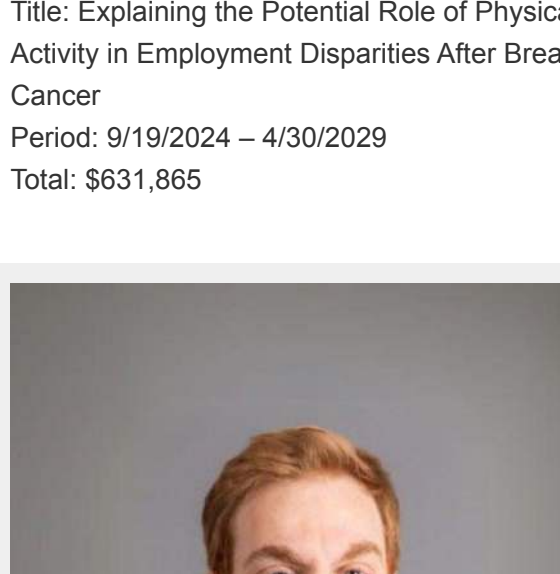
Margaret Gorvine, Ph.D., CHES, received an award from the National Institutes of Health.
Title: Harnessing Implementation Science to Study Stress Management for Correctional Officers in Jail Settings
Period: 9/17/2024 – 8/31/2029
Total: \$659,367



Jaimi Allen, Ph.D., CHES, received an award from the National Institutes of Health.
Title: Explaining the Potential Role of Physical Activity in Employment Disparities After Breast Cancer
Period: 9/19/2024 – 4/30/2029
Total: \$631,865



Yong-Moon Park, Ph.D., received an award from the National Institutes of Health.
Title: Understanding Disparities in Cardiovascular Toxicity Among Breast Cancer Survivors in Arkansas
Period: 8/23/2024 – 7/31/2028
Total: \$621,687



George Pro, Ph.D., received an award from the National Institutes of Health.
Title: Validation of a Survey Tool to Evaluate Patient-Reported Outcomes for New Medications to Treat Methamphetamine Use Disorder: The PROMAT Survey
Period: 9/30/2024 – 8/31/2026
Total: \$415,218

News and Upcoming Events

NIH Data Management and Sharing Plans – Experience So Far

Oct 15, 12 – 1 pm
Institute on Aging, Jo Ellen Ford Auditorium

Speaker: Fred Prior, Ph.D.
Distinguished Professor and Chair
Department of Biomedical Informatics
Professor of Radiology
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Interim Director of Biomedical Research Informatics
Arkansas Children's Research Institute



How to Write an Outstanding K99/R00 Grant Application to Transition to a Faculty Position

Oct 24, 2024, 12:00 Noon
Virtual Presentation

Speaker: Mario Schootman, Ph.D.
Professor of Medicine
Director of Research in the Office of Community Health and Research
Vice-Chair of the Department of Medicine

[Click to Join the Virtual Presentation](#)

UAMS Showcase of Medical Discoveries
The Center for Studies of Host Response to Cancer Therapy

On September 26, the UAMS Showcase of Medical Discoveries featured the Center for Studies of Host Response to Cancer Therapy, directed by Marjan Boerma, Ph.D., Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences and J. Thomas May Distinguished Endowed Chair in Oncology. The venue was crowded as the research community streamed in, highlighting the excitement surrounding this event.

In her remarks, Dr. Boerma emphasized the importance of collaboration and the unique contributions of each researcher: "You will see how each of these posters and each of these faculty make their own contribution to cancer therapy in understanding or predicting cancer therapy side effects... Please go around and find new collaborations."

Congratulations to all the researchers for their remarkable contributions and dedication to advancing cancer therapy!



[Click here to check out more pictures from the showcase.](#)

2024 New Faculty Research Orientation

Grants Accounting
Research & Innovation
Occupational Health and Safety
Translational Research Institute (TRI)

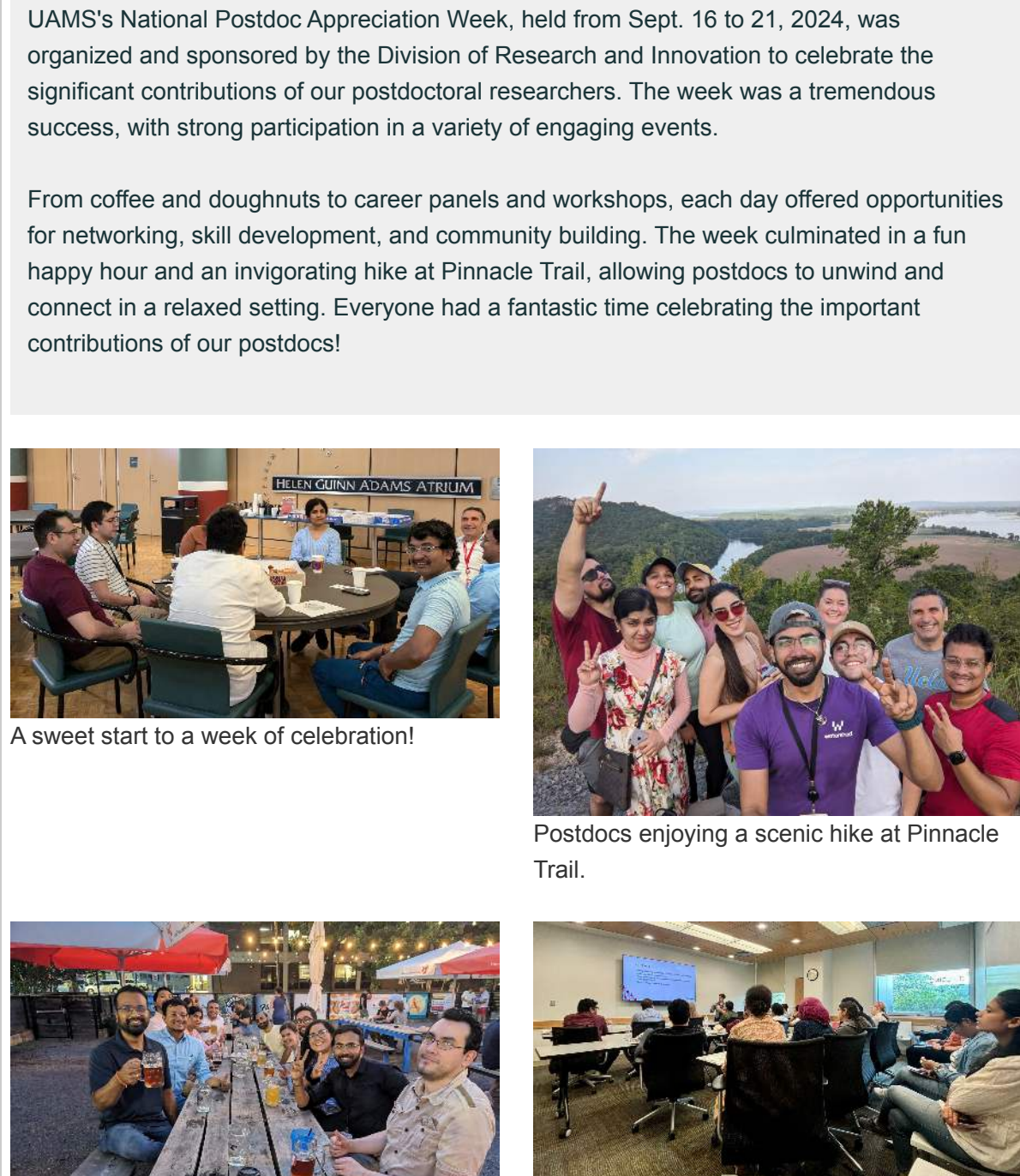
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[Click to watch the presentation and learn about the resources available in the Division of Research & Innovation, Occupational Health & Safety, Grants Accounting, and TRI.](#)

Our Heartfelt Thank You to All Those Coming to the Research & Innovation Central Hub Open House!

The new Research & Innovation Central Hub is a shared space, located in the Central Building, 1st Floor, Room 037 (adjacent to the elevators).

As the open house began, guests gradually arrived to explore our new space, enjoy a breakfast break in the lounge, and connect with the research community across various divisions and offices within Research & Innovation.



National PostDoc Appreciation Week

UAMS's National Postdoc Appreciation Week, held from Sept. 16 to 21, 2024, was organized and sponsored by the Division of Research and Innovation to celebrate the significant contributions of our postdoctoral researchers. The week was a tremendous success, with strong participation in a variety of engaging events.

From coffee and doughnuts to career panels and workshops, each day offered opportunities for networking, skill development, and community building. The week culminated in a fun happy hour and an invigorating hike at Pinnacle Trail, allowing postdocs to unwind and connect in a relaxed setting. Everyone had a fantastic time celebrating the important contributions of our postdocs!



From BioVentures

[Click the links below to find out more!](#)



Submit Your Idea and get up to \$50,000

The AR Health Ventures Accelerator (ARHVA) invites UAMS employees to submit innovative therapeutic or drug discovery ideas for significant financial and administrative support toward commercialization



Innovation & Entrepreneurship Honors
[Track Teaches Med Students to Embrace Problem-Solving](#)



INVENTOR'S HANDBOOK

Explore the **Inventor's Handbook: Your Guide to Tech Transfer**

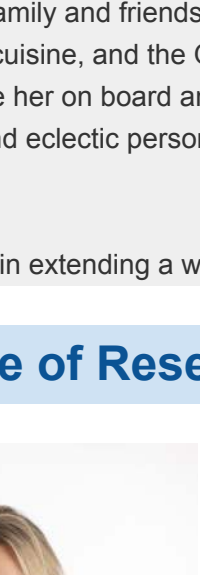
Missed the Pivot-RP Training Session? Click to Watch the Video Here!

Exploring PIVOT – Creating Profiles and Utilizing Advanced Search Tools for Funding Opportunities

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[Click to learn more information about Pivot-RP and additional resources](#)

Pivot-RP Identifying Extramural Funding Opportunities



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Benefit from advanced AI technology that matches your research profile with relevant funding sources.

Updates from R & I Team

Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Welcome Giuseppina Dusio, Ph.D.

Dr. Dusio, who has worked in research at UAMS since 2016, goes by "Giusy" and holds a doctorate in biology from the University of Studies in Milan, Italy.

"As a regulatory professional, my mission is to empower researchers to conduct ethical, transparent, and compliant studies that produce reliable, high-quality data. By providing the guidance and oversight necessary to uphold ethical standards, I aim to support research efforts that not only advance scientific knowledge but also work toward strengthening public trust in research. Through fostering integrity and accountability in every phase of the research process, I strive to ensure that studies serve both the scientific community and society with credibility and respect."

Office of Research Information Systems (ORIS)

Welcome Jessie Blevins to the Research & Innovation Team!

We are pleased to share that Jessie joined us on August 19th as the Project Manager for the Office of Research Information Systems.

With over 10 years of experience in the federal government and collegiate sectors—including 6 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, where she was honorably discharged in 2019, 3 years as a civilian under the DoD and FDA, and 3 years working on a college campus—Jessie brings a unique set of skills and expertise to our team.

Outside of work, Jessie enjoys the great outdoors (specifically hiking, camping, and hammocking), traveling, reading, working out, listening to music, and spending quality time with her family and friends. She has a taste for all things sports, Cajun cuisine, and the Oxford comma. We are excited to have her on board and confident that her extensive background and eclectic personality will be a great asset to our team.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Jessie!

Office of Research Regulatory Affairs (ORRA)

Laura Adkins, MAP, CCRP, CCRA, CRS, AdvCRS
Director, UAMS Office of Research Regulatory Affairs

Laura was thrilled to act as moderator of a Discussion Room titled "Sharing Solutions: Mastering the Art of Communication between the IDS and Monitors/Auditors" during the McCreedie Group's annual Research Pharmacy Summit.

She will be speaking at the annual Society of Clinical Research Associates (SoCRA) meeting in Las Vegas on September 28, 2024. The title of her presentation is: "Investigational New Drug Applications & Investigational Device Exemptions: From a Sponsor Perspective."

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

IACUC will be visiting animal housing and use areas in October.

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](#)
4. [K to R Transition Workshop](#)

[Archived Seminars](#)

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