

## Congratulations!



**Kevin Raney, Ph.D.**, received an award from the National Institutes of Health  
 “Helicase Mechanism and G-Quadruplex Signaling”  
 Period: 1/7/2025 – 12/31/2029  
 Total: \$2,992,752

## News and Upcoming Events

### Funding Status


UAMS AWARDS REPORT FY25 (As of Q2)	
<b>Awarded \$</b>	<b>\$106,749,940</b>
<b>Number of Awards</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>Funding Proposals \$</b>	<b>\$289,676,150</b>
<b>Number of Funding Proposals</b>	<b>313</b>



### Change in NIH guidance: Placement of figures in grant proposal

NIH no longer allows figures—i.e., images, graphics, charts, graphs, and tables—to be included in the Specific Aims, Project Summary/Abstract, or Project Narrative attachments. Placing a figure on the Specific Aims page has often been promoted as a good way to help reviewers understand a project’s overall design or rationale. However, [current guidance from the NIH website](#) says that doing so “may lead to application errors upon submission or withdrawal of your application from funding consideration.” If you are preparing a grant application for NIH, include figures in the Research Strategy (i.e., Significance, Innovation, and Approach sections) but not in the Specific Aims page. Questions? Contact SciCom: [klevans@uams.edu](mailto:klevans@uams.edu)

## All are invited!

**UAMS SHOWCASE OF MEDICAL DISCOVERIES**  
**The Arkansas Center for Birth Defects Research and Prevention**  
**Feb. 5, 2025**  
 4-6 p.m.  
 Location:  
 Cancer Institute,  
 10th Floor Rotunda  
Hours of courses and beverages will be posted



## Eric Peterson Named President of BioVentures!

BioVentures is pleased to announce the appointment of [Eric Peterson, Ph.D.](#), as President of BioVentures LLC. Since March 2024, Dr. Peterson has served as interim president, providing exemplary leadership and leveraging his deep expertise in technology development to strengthen our mission.



An associate professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the UAMS College of Medicine, Dr. Peterson has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to innovation. He is listed as an inventor on three patents for immunotherapies targeting substance use disorders, and he has chaired the UAMS Patent and Copyright Committee since February 2021. His ongoing work in antibody nanotechnology and gene therapy underscores his passion for translating impactful research from bench to bedside.

“I am honored to accept the role of President of [BioVentures, LLC](#). I am excited to continue working alongside our talented BioVentures team and UAMS - University of Arkansas for [Medical Sciences](#) researchers to advance innovation and the incredible potential of UAMS research to make a tangible impact on healthcare and economic development.” Dr. Peterson shared.

## Join Us Today, January 30, 2025, 12–1 p.m. – Virtual Seminar

Principal Investigator Boot Camp: “Basic Training” for the New & Experienced Researcher

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Laura Adkins is the Director of the Office of Research Regulatory Affairs, overseeing FDA-regulated research, including INDs and IDEs. With 20+ years of experience, she manages the Regulatory/QA and Monitoring Units, as well as ClinicalTrials.gov. Laura is committed to advancing local research by guiding study activities, educating staff, and ensuring subject safety and data quality. She also emphasizes continuous learning in the evolving research field.



**Laura Adkins, MAP, CCRP, CCRA, CRS, AdvCRS**  
 Director, Office of Research Regulatory Affairs (ORRA)

## See you on Feb.18, 2025!




# STUDENT RESEARCH DAY



- Locations:**  
 I.Dodd Wilson Building, Little Rock  
 Main Building/Hospital, Northwest Regional Campus
- Two Poster Sessions
  - 2025 McGehee Distinguished Lecture Speaker: [Daniel J. Drucker](#), MD Mount Sinai Hospital, University of Toronto, Canada
  - UAMS 3-Minute Thesis Final Competition
  - Award Ceremony

## UAMS Science Communication Group (SciCom)



Planning a grant or manuscript submission? [SciCom](#) is a scientific editorial resource available to help you communicate your research clearly and concisely to increase your chances of obtaining extramural funding or publishing in peer-reviewed journals!

[Request services on the website](#) or contact Kerry Evans, PhD, ELS, for more information: [klevans@uams.edu](mailto:klevans@uams.edu)

## NIH Grant-Writing Boot Camp – Save the Date!

**April 14-15, Ferncliff Conference Center**, Little Rock  
 Presented by the UAMS [Science Communication Group \(SciCom\)](#), the boot camp will include lectures, small-group exercises, and directed individual work focused on writing an effective Specific Aims page. The boot camp is open to faculty and postdoctoral fellows; there is no cost to attend. More info coming soon! (questions: [klevans@uams.edu](mailto:klevans@uams.edu))

## Effort Certification Due February 25, 2025

Grants Accounting will release Effort Certification for the 6 month period (July - December 2024) on January 27, 2025. Effort Certification is the process of verifying that the committed effort on a sponsored activity meets deliverables. Effort certification is required for all UAMS employees who have been paid off of a sponsored project. For questions, submit an [Ask Grants Accounting question](#) in ServiceNow and select the Effort Certification category.

## Video Recordings Available for Recent NIH Seminars!

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3. [NIH Grants Process and Finding Funding Opportunities, and The Program Officer Career Path](#)

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