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## Upcoming Events

### COP Seminar Series Jan. 16, 2026 | 12:00 PM | RAHN G225

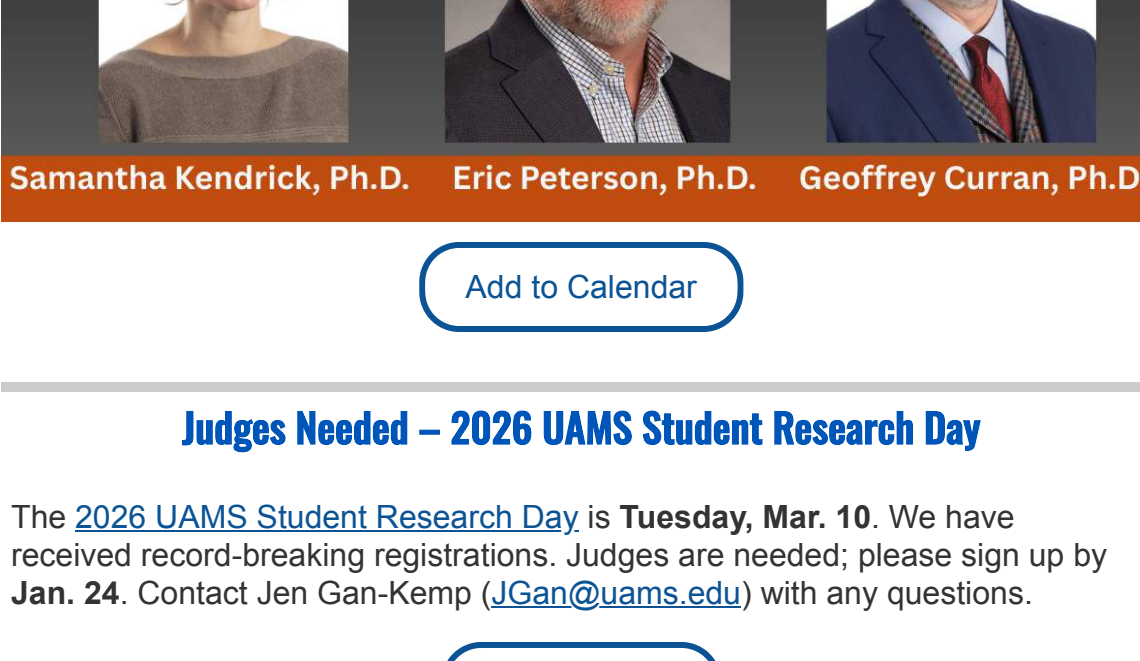
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Title: Community pharmacy models of care to expand access to medications for opioid use disorder  
Speaker: Jennifer Bacci, PharmD, MPH, BCACP, FCCP, Associate Professor School of Pharmacy, University of Washington

[Virtual Seminar Option](#)

### Sip & Science Jan. 20, 2026 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Southern Tail Brewing

Missed the first Sip & Science? Join us for #2 and connect with the local community.  
[Let us know you are joining us!](#)



Samantha Kendrick, Ph.D. Eric Peterson, Ph.D. Geoffrey Curran, Ph.D.

[Add to Calendar](#)

## Judges Needed – 2026 UAMS Student Research Day

The 2026 UAMS Student Research Day is Tuesday, Mar. 10. We have received record-breaking registrations. Judges are needed; please sign up by Jan. 24. Contact Jen Gan-Kemp ([JGan@uams.edu](mailto:JGan@uams.edu)) with any questions.

[Sign Up Now](#)

## Research Education Classes

### Research Education Essentials of Quality HSR

This class presents a basic overview of policies and regulations related to conducting research at UAMS.

Date: Jan. 21, 2026  
Time: 8:00 am – 1:30 pm  
Location: Virtual

[Enroll in Workday](#)

### CRS/Advanced CRS Information Session

To provide information about the certified research specialist and advanced research specialist certification program.

Date: Jan. 28, 2026  
Time: 9:30am – 10:00 am  
Location: Virtual

[Enroll in Workday](#)

## UAMS Showcase of Medical Discoveries Arkansas Children's Research Institute: Making the Discoveries to Define and Deliver Unprecedented Child Health

Feb. 11, 2026 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM | 12th Floor,  
Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute

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## News & Updates

### Biomed I Renovation Update

This week in the Biomed I Renovation, we will continue priming and painting walls, implementing mechanical changes for seismic modifications, and applying our epoxy coating. We installed an additional ventilation tunnel and fans late Friday and Monday morning. We have also identified an area where odors are rising in the mechanical chase for that phase. A layer of sealer was installed Monday morning. Once the floors cured from the coating, we sealed off the chase on the first floor to reduce odors rising above. This process will be repeated for each phase moving forward. *(The construction team)*

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## Reminder: NIH's Implementation of Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support for Due Dates on or after January 25, 2026

SciENcv must be used to generate biosketches for grant applications due on or after January 25, 2026.

Prior to generating the biosketch common form, senior/key personnel must register an ORCID ID, and they must link this ID to their eRA Commons personal profile. Failure to do so may result in errors when submitting grant applications. Some glitches and delays have been reported, so senior/key personnel are encouraged to generate the common forms early. See [NOT-OD-26-018](#) for details.

Contact for questions: Nicole Schartz, Ph.D., at [NSchartz@uams.edu](mailto:NSchartz@uams.edu)

### NIH Public Access Policy

On December 17, 2024, NIH released its updated [2024 Public Access Policy](#). The Public Access Policy was informed by public feedback, including comments received in response to the NIH Draft Public Access Policy. The 2024 NIH Public Access Policy is in keeping with the White House OSTP memo "[Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research](#)". The 2024 Public Access Policy is effective for manuscripts accepted for publication on or after July 1, 2025.

The 2024 NIH Public Access Policy updates the longstanding NIH Public Access Policy. It accelerates free, immediate public access to NIH-funded research publications by requiring manuscripts to be deposited in PubMed Central (PMC) without an embargo upon official publication.

#### Summary for Researchers:

- Deposit NIH-funded manuscripts in PubMed Central immediately upon acceptance.
- Ensure manuscripts are publicly available on publication date without embargo.
- Include PMCID in NIH applications and reports.
- Budget only allowable publication costs.

#### NIH Guidance and Policy Documents:

- **NOT-OD-25-047: 2024 NIH Public Access Policy**  
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-047.html>
- **NIH Public Access Policy Overview**  
<https://grants.nih.gov/policy-and-compliance/policy-topics/public-access/nih-public-access-policy-overview>

#### Supplemental Guidance:

- **NOT-OD-25-048: Publication Costs Guidance**  
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-048.html>
- **NOT-OD-25-049: Government Use License and Rights Guidance**  
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-25-049.html>

## Arkansas's Research and Education Protection Act of 2025 Requires Screening, Pre-approval of UAMS-related Travel

Effective January 1, 2026, UAMS-related travel to seven designated "Foreign Adversary" countries (China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, Syria, Venezuela) will require additional screening and approval.

As a reminder, all international UAMS-related travel must be screened by the UAMS International Compliance Office prior to departure using the [International Travel Form](#).

Similarly, UAMS-related research activities involving these and other foreign countries require submission of the [International Activities Form](#) for approval by the Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation.

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## Funding Opportunities

### Limited Submission Competition - NIGMS Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1; PAR-23-077)

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) has issued a funding opportunity titled "Collaborative Program Grant for Multidisciplinary Teams (RM1 - Clinical Trial Optional)." This mechanism supports highly integrated research teams of three to six Program Directors/Principal Investigators (PDs/Pis) to address ambitious and challenging research questions that are within the mission of NIGMS. The goals should not be achievable with a collection of individual efforts; rather, they require considerable synergy and managed team interactions.

#### Interested Pre-Application Requirements:

Interested teams should submit an application to the [Limited Submission Portal](#) by 5:00 PM on March 15, 2026.

[Read Full Announcement & Application Details](#)

Please reach out to Drs. Voth ([DVoth@uams.edu](mailto:DVoth@uams.edu)) or Elasri ([MOElasri@uams.edu](mailto:MOElasri@uams.edu)) for more details and guidance on the pre-application process.

### Pilot Funding - COBRE Center for Studies of Host Response to Cancer Therapy

The COBRE Center for Studies of Host Response to Cancer Therapy supports basic and translational research aimed at understanding, predicting, and minimizing early and delayed adverse side effects of cancer treatment. The Center has funding available to support pilot projects for faculty to perform research within the focus of the Center.

#### Important Dates

- **Application Deadline:** March 15, 2026
- **Anticipated Project Period:** July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

[Read Full Announcement & Application Details](#)

For more information, contact Marjan Boerma, Ph.D., at [mboerma@uams.edu](mailto:mboerma@uams.edu).

### Development Enhancement Awards for Proposals (DEAP) Program Deadlines for 2026

Considering recent delays in NIH peer review timelines resulting from the federal government shutdown, we are adding an additional DEAP deadline, **March 5, 2026**, to provide investigators greater flexibility as they await summary statements and scores needed for a DEAP application. This added deadline is intended specifically to accommodate those impacted by these external review delays.

All other DEAP deadlines remain unchanged. If you are able and wish to submit a DEAP application for the January deadline, you may do so.

[DEAP Program Description](#)  
[Submit a DEAP Application](#)

### FY26 Request for Pre-proposals - Arkansas Water Resources Center 104(b) Program

The 104(b) awards are up to \$35,000 for faculty and \$10,000 for student-led projects. Projects should focus on issues of [water quality](#), [water quantity](#), or [water resilience](#) that are of regional or national significance. Project objectives must be achievable within the one-year project window (September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027).

**A 1:1 match is required**, and that match must be formalized at the time of proposal submission.

**The pre-proposal deadline is March 2, 2026.**

The funding priority is student and early-career faculty support. Seed grants are also an option for senior faculty developing research on water topics of emerging concern.

[Grant Details & Application Information](#)

### Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials: Career Development Award (Winn CDA)

Applications for the [Winn Career Development Award \(Winn CDA\)](#) are now open.

To apply, [log in here](#). The submission deadline is **May 4, 2026**.

To learn more, please explore the following resources:

- [Winn CDA Info Sheet](#)
- [Winn CDA Application Handbook](#)
- [Winn CDA FAQ Sheet](#)
- [Registration for Informational Webinars](#) - To be held on January 12, February 10, and March 11

If you have any questions, please contact [winncda@vcu.edu](mailto:winncda@vcu.edu)

## Past Weekly Updates and Newsletters

### Weekly Updates

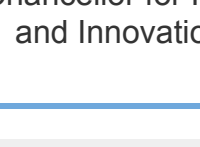
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