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January 7, 2026

Upcoming Events

CMDR Distinguished Lecturer Series Jan. 9, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Rayford Auditorium, Biomed II

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Title: Harnessing Cell Death Pathways for Human Therapies

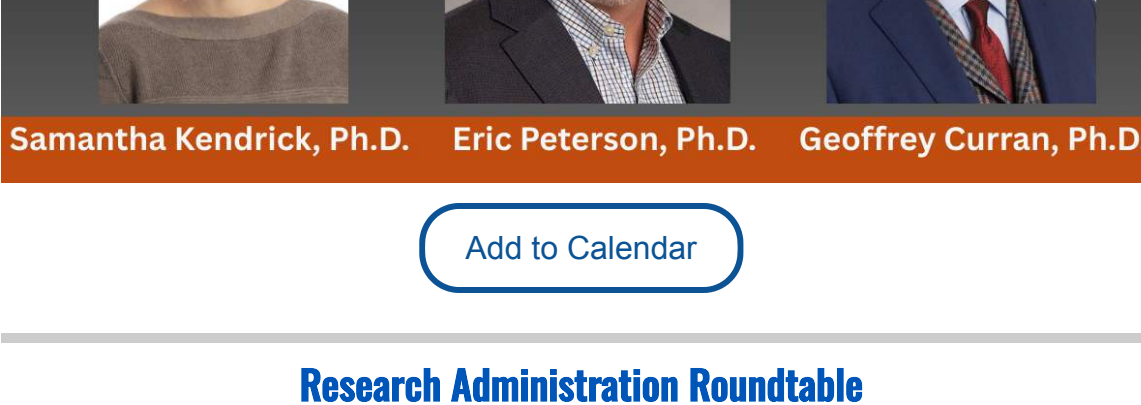
Speaker: Tudor Moldoveanu, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

* Lunch will be provided to the first 30 participants.

Sip & Science

Jan. 20, 2026 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Southern Tail Brewing

Join us for the 2nd Sip & Science—our first event of 2026! UAMS researchers, connect with the community through casual conversations over food and drinks. [Let us know you are joining us!](#)



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

[Add to Calendar](#)

Research Administration Roundtable

Feb. 9, 2026 | 12:30 - 1:30 PM | Rayford Auditorium, Biomed II

The next Research Administration Roundtable will focus on procurement (the previous roundtable focused on travel).

[Add to Calendar](#)

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](#)

For questions about research education classes, please contact Kelly Fountain at kfountain@UAMS.edu

UAMS Showcase of Medical Discoveries Featuring Arkansas Children's Research Institute

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

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2026 UAMS Student Research Day

March 10, 2026

Locations:
Little Rock Campus: I. Dodd Wilson Building
NW Regional Campus: Fayetteville

Registration Link: [Register Here](#)

Due Dates:
January 12: Submission of abstracts
February 13: Submission of posters

For abstract/poster submission details, poster templates, and the latest updates, please visit the [Student Research Day](#) website.

Updates

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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NIH Policy Updates for Common Forms and Research Security Training

NOT-OD-26-018: NIH is adopting the Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support for application due dates and Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) submissions on or after **January 25, 2026**. A [tutorial](#) on how to use SciENcv to complete common forms is available on Workday.

NOT-OD-26-017: All senior/key personnel listed on a NIH grant application must certify that they have completed research security training within 12 months of the date of application submission. This policy will go into effect for applications due on or after **May 26, 2026**. [Research Security Training](#) is available on Workday.

Contact for questions: Nicole Schartz, Ph.D., at NSchartz@uams.edu

Watch the presentation: [UAMS Research Security Program \(PowerPoint Slides\)](#)

Biomed I Renovation Update

This week, we are starting the delivery and installation of the cage washers. Last week, we completed the epoxy flooring in the cage wash area, so those rooms are now finished.

We will begin seismic changes this week and continue with priming, painting, and epoxy flooring work over the next few weeks.

Please note: The rooms where epoxy flooring is being installed are vented to the outside. However, because the floors are not fully sealed between stories, you may notice an odor similar to nail polish remover. While the smell may be unusual, we have been assured that there are no adverse health effects associated with this application. The product cures quickly, and any odors dissipate rapidly.

Research Portals

The UAMS [Research Portals](#) now require login with UAMS credentials to submit forms, due to recent security enhancements.

Funding Opportunities

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. Our 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

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