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January 21, 2026

Upcoming Events

SciENcv Common Forms: Tips and FAQs Jan. 27, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Virtual Presentation

Speaker: Nicole Schartz, Ph.D., Research Compliance Analyst

Dr. Schartz will cover how to create a biosketch on SciENcv, how to link ORCID to your eRA Commons profile, and how to link both to SciENcv. She will also address common errors and leave time for Q&A and discussion.

[Join the Seminar](#)

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Research Administration Roundtable Feb. 9, 2026 | 12:30 PM | Rayford Auditorium, Biomed II



Topic: Procurement

Who Should Attend:

College/Department administrators, grant managers, and research support staff

If you have specific questions you would like the panel to address, please send them in advance to Eileen Mok at ykmok@uams.edu.

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Judges Needed – 2026 UAMS Student Research Day

The [2026 UAMS Student Research Day](#) is **Tuesday, Mar. 10**. We received a record-breaking number of registrations. This is a great opportunity to network, build collaborations, and celebrate our students' creativity and innovation!

We need your help to judge posters! Please sign up by **Jan. 24**.

Poster Sessions:
Morning: 9:00 -11:00am
Afternoon: 2:30 - 4:30pm

Contact Jen Gan-Kemp (JGan@uams.edu) with any questions.

[Sign Up Now](#)

Research Education Classes

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.

[View Upcoming Advanced Certified Research Specialist Courses](#)

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

Tips for Getting Started with SciENcv

To avoid the creation of duplicative MyNCBI accounts when logging in, follow these steps. If you have not linked your eRA Commons or ORCID profiles to your SciENcv/MyNCBI accounts, select an alternative secondary method to log in (i.e., Login.gov, NCBI Account, Google). Once logged in to SciENcv, you can link your ORCID and eRA Commons accounts to your MyNCBI. Once linked, ORCID and eRA Commons can be used as the secondary login option.

If you are not able to link your accounts on MyNCBI, you can submit a ticket to the helpdesk [here](#).

If you have additional questions, contact Nicole Schartz NSchartz@uams.edu

Temporary Restroom Closures: BMRI Women's Restrooms

Beginning this week, repair work will be performed to address wall damage caused by leaking glass blocks on the exterior wall of the **women's restrooms in BMRI**.

Over the next 1-2 weeks, there will be intermittent closures of the women's restrooms on individual floors as sheetrock is installed and later painted. Signs will be posted on restrooms that are temporarily closed due to this work. During these times, please use restrooms on an upper or lower floor, or in BMRI across the bridge.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as this work is completed.

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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.

Internal 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) or Elasri (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.

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](#)

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