



Upcoming Events

Research & Innovation Town Hall Meeting

Feb 23, 2026 | 12-1 PM | Cancer Institute – 10th Floor Walton Auditorium

All members of the UAMS research community are invited to attend this in-person meeting to discuss updates with Dan Voth, PhD, Vice Chancellor for Research & Innovation.

Lunch provided for the first 75 attendees.

A Zoom link will be provided to those on the NWA campus.

[Add to Calendar](#)

NIH Public Access Policy: Compliance and Current Open Access Options

Feb 25, 2026 | 12-1 PM | Virtual

Speakers: Susan Steelman, MLIS, professor and head of Education & Research Services at the UAMS Library, and Jeff Slagell, MLIS, professor and library director

[Join via Microsoft Teams](#)

Science & Storytelling

Feb. 26, 2026 | 12-1 PM | Virtual

Speaker: Kerry L. Evans, PhD, ELS

High-impact science deserves high-quality writing. Our upcoming UAMS Science Communication Group (SciCom) Seminar Series is designed specifically for researchers who want to bridge the gap between complex data and compelling narrative. Master the art of telling your scientific story and the production of polished writing products that stand out to editors and funders alike.

Science & Storytelling is the first event in the SciCom Seminar Series.

[Click to view](#) details for the entire series.

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More Judges Needed – 2026 UAMS Student Research Day

The [2026 UAMS Student Research Day](#) takes place on **Tuesday, March 10!**

This year, there are **4 sessions** at the Little Rock campus, and we are especially looking for judges to help with the **afternoon sessions (2:30–3:30 pm and 3:30–4:30 pm)**.

If you have already signed up and can judge additional sessions, please log back into your account to select more time slots.

Poster Presentations and Judging: Little Rock Campus

- Session A: 9:00–10:00 AM
- Session B: 10:00–11:00 AM
- Session C: 2:30–3:30 PM
- Session D: 3:30–4:30 PM

Poster Presentations and Judging: Northwest Campus

10:00–11:30 AM

[Sign Up to Judge Here](#)

For questions, please reach out to Vanessa Rogers-Wright at VRogerswright@uams.edu

Prepare for AAALAC Accreditation Visit

The AAALAC accreditation site visit is scheduled for March 17, 2026. In addition to the animal facility, the accreditation team will tour select research labs and satellite facilities. To help present our research spaces in the best possible light, please ensure hallways are kept clean and free of clutter. If you need assistance removing old furniture or disposing of trash, please contact Paul Browning, Building Manager, at RBrowning2@uams.edu.

News & Updates

UAMS HBCD Data Release

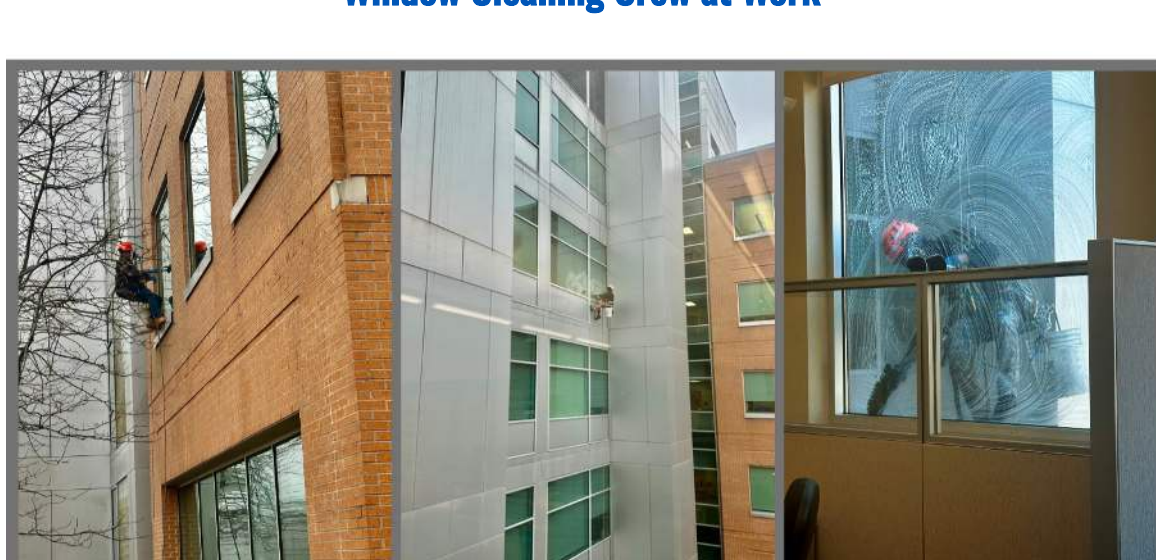
UAMS & Arkansas Children's Hospital announce the HBCD 2.0 Data Release—world's largest infant MRI/EEG dataset (N=3,542 prenatal; N=672 at 15 months).

Available via NBDC Data Hub for approved researchers (DUC + NIST security required).

[View More Details](#)

Questions? Email: NBDC@mail.nih.gov. You can also contact Ashley Acheson AWAcheson@uams.edu about ongoing work with the HBCD dataset happening at UAMS.

Window Cleaning Crew at Work



Funding Opportunities

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.

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 missions 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.

NIH Funding Opportunities & Forecasts

NIH Collaborative International Research Project: The NIH seeks proposals for international research collaborations via the Parent PF5 (Clinical Trial Optional), announced as [PA-26-002](#). This supports prime domestic awards linked to independent foreign awards, ensuring NIH oversight per [NOT-OD-25-104](#).

Department of Health and Human Services - National Institutes of Health - Forecast for Research Educational Program - Mentoring Activities & Networks (R25/UE5)

Estimated post date: Mar 25, 2026

For more information: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361160>

Department of Health and Human Services - National Institutes of Health - Forecast for Restoring Joint Health and Function to Reduce Pain (RE-JOIN) 2.0 (RFA-AR-26-006)

Estimated post date: Oct 01, 2026

For more information: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361186>

Department of Health and Human Services - National Institutes of Health - Development of Radiation/Nuclear Medical Countermeasures

For more

information: <https://sam.gov/workspace/contract/opp/25b0a23f0d944ea49e6af02137e2788f/view>

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