



### Upcoming Events

#### 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](mailto:RBrowning2@uams.edu).

#### Research Education Class

**Mar. 17, 2026 | 1:00 - 2:30 PM | Zoom**

Required CRS Classes:

**Developing a Research Protocol**

**Speaker:** David Avery and Michael Bailey

[Enroll in Workday](#)

#### Environmental Health Sciences Seminar The Exposome and the Liver: Why Your Zip Code May Matter More Than Your Genes

**Mar. 17, 2026 | 3:00 PM | IDW 114B**

**Speaker:** Juliane Beier, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition, University of Pittsburgh

[Click to Join Zoom Meeting Here](#)

#### SciCom Seminar Series: Predatory Publishing

**Mar. 18, 2026 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Virtual**

**Speaker:** Susan C. Steelman, MLIS, AHIP

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.

**Predatory Publishing is the second event in the SciCom Seminar Series.**

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

[Add to Calendar](#)

#### The BioVentures Podcast

##### Episode 17 - Behind the Build: Creating a Nerve Block Training Model

In this episode, we sit down with Dr. Erica Malone and doctoral nursing student Blakely Coppock to discuss their innovative nerve block training model developed at UAMS. Designed to bridge the gap between low-fidelity simulators and real patient care, their 3D-printed, ultrasound compatible arm provides immediate visual feedback when a nerve block is performed correctly. They share the story behind the invention—from kitchen-table prototyping to patent protection—and explain how this low-cost, high fidelity model could transform anesthesia training and improve patient safety.



[Click to Listen Episode 17](#)

### Funding Opportunities

#### TRI Early-Career Faculty Applications for Path 2 K Grant Writing Program

The Translational Research Institute (TRI) invites applications from early-career faculty interested in submitting a career development application to NIH in October 2026 or February 2027 to participate in the Path 2 K program. This grant-writing program offers early-career faculty members 6 months of structured activities focused on specific steps in the application process for an NIH Career ("K") Development grant (e.g., K99/R00, K01, K08, K23). This includes brief workshops about specific components of a K grant, individualized support, and many key resources/templates, including previously funded K awards.

Application Due Date: April 1, 2026

Apply to the program or learn more: <https://tri.uams.edu/training/training-opportunities/path-2-k-program/>.

Questions? Contact Mario Schootman, PhD, at [mschootman@uams.edu](mailto:mschootman@uams.edu)

#### Center for Molecular Interactions in Cancer (CMIC) Request for Applications: Pilot Projects

The objective of the Center for Molecular Interactions in Cancer (CMIC) is to use structural biology and quantitative biophysical approaches to conduct research aimed at understanding the molecular features of cancer, including initiation, progression, and treatment.

The CMIC Pilot Project Program provides up to \$75,000 in direct costs for 1 year of support of basic or translational research projects that match the focus of the center.

Submission Deadline: May 1, 2026

[Read Full Announcement & Application Details](#)

For questions, please contact Veronica Overton at [VLOverton@UAMS.edu](mailto:VLOverton@UAMS.edu)

#### FY26 CDMRP Pre-Announcements for Multiple Programs

The **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research Program (ALSRP)** released a pre-announcement for the following funding opportunities:

- Clinical Outcomes and Biomarkers Award
- Pilot Clinical Trial Award
- Therapeutic Development Award
- Therapeutic Idea Award

To view the ALSRP pre-announcement visit <https://cdmrp.health.mil/pubs/press/2026/alsrppreann>

The **Arthritis Research Program (ATRP)** released a pre-announcement for the following funding opportunities:

- Clinical Research Award
- Translational Research Award (NEW for FY26)

To view the ATRP pre-announcement visit <https://cdmrp.health.mil/pubs/press/2026/atrppeann>

The **Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP)** released a pre-announcement for the following funding opportunities:

- Clinical Trial Award
- Investigator-Initiated Research Award
- Ovarian Cancer Academy – Early-Career Investigator Award
- Ovarian Cancer Clinical Trial Academy – Early-Career Investigator Award
- Pilot Award

To view the OCRP pre-announcement visit <https://cdmrp.health.mil/pubs/press/2026/ocrppreann>

The **Pancreatic Cancer Research Program (PCARP)** released a pre-announcement for the following funding opportunities:

- Focused Pilot Award
- Idea Development Award
- Translational Research Partnership Award

To view the PCARP pre-announcement visit <https://cdmrp.health.mil/pubs/press/2026/pcarppreann>

The **Tick-Borne Disease Research Program (TBD RP)** released a pre-announcement for the following funding opportunities:

- Idea Development Award
- Therapeutic/Diagnostic Research Award

To view the TBD RP pre-announcement visit <https://cdmrp.health.mil/pubs/press/2026/tbdrrpreann>

#### More Funding Forecast/Opportunities

Department of Health and Human Services - National Institutes of Health - NIH Research Program Projects (Parent P01 Clinical Trial Optional)

**Estimated Post Date: April 25, 2026**

For more information: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361279>

Department of Health and Human Services - National Institutes of Health - Pancreatic Cancer Detection Consortium: Management and Data Coordination Unit (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

**Estimated Post Date: April 30, 2026**

For more information: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361276>

#### Past Weekly Updates and Newsletters

##### Weekly Updates

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