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March 18, 2026

### News & Upcoming Events

#### Biomed I Renovation Updates

As we continue to move through our Biomed I remodel of the first floor, we are working on finishes and connections to our new equipment. Painting, millwork, and fixtures are being installed and we are working to get to the commissioning phase in early April.

#### Scheduled Shutdown – March 23, 5:00 - 9:00 PM Biomed I & II Hot Water and Biomed I Fume Hoods Unavailable

On March 23, two separate shutdowns are set to occur simultaneously for Biomed I starting at 5:00 pm and ending at 9:00 pm. The systems affected will be domestic hot water for Biomed I & II and the fume hoods that are in Biomed I.

*The Construction Team*

#### Research Education Class: Protocol Deviations

**Apr. 1, 2026 | 9:00 - 10:00PM | Virtual**

**Presenter:** Jennifer McCluskey, Research Compliance Manager

In this class, you will learn how to adhere to protocol findings by the FDA and ORC; track and report deviations; and discuss the importance of research misconduct.

[Enroll in Workday](#)

#### UAMS Showcase of Medical Discoveries

**Advancing UAMS Research: The Postdoctoral Engine of Innovation**

**Apr. 1, 2026 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | 10th Floor, Cancer Institute Rotunda**

Join us to celebrate UAMS postdocs at the UAMS Showcase of Medical Discoveries!

Current and recent postdoctoral fellows are central to advancing UAMS's research mission—driving discovery, strengthening interdisciplinary collaboration, and contributing substantially to our institution's scholarly output.

This showcase, titled "Advancing UAMS Research: The Postdoctoral Engine of Innovation," highlights the depth and impact of postdoctoral scholarship across the university. It provides a valuable opportunity to engage with colleagues whose work is shaping the future of biomedical science.

Please join us to learn about the discoveries and contributions emerging from our vibrant postdoctoral community.

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#### Mark your Calendar: Sip & Science

**Apr. 23, 2026 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Hibernia Irish Tavern**

Join us for a relaxed, engaging conversation with UAMS researchers.

Our goal is to encourage open dialogue and make science approachable and relatable. Come with your family and friends!

[Let us know you are coming!](#)

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### 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 (TBDRP)** released a pre-announcement for the following funding opportunities:

- Idea Development Award
- Therapeutic/Diagnostic Research Award

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

#### More Funding Forecast/Opportunities

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>

Department of Health and Human Services - National Institutes of Health - Genomic and Biologic Therapies for ADRD (U01 Clinical Trial Optional)  
**Estimated Post Date: July 1, 2026**

For more information: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361287>

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