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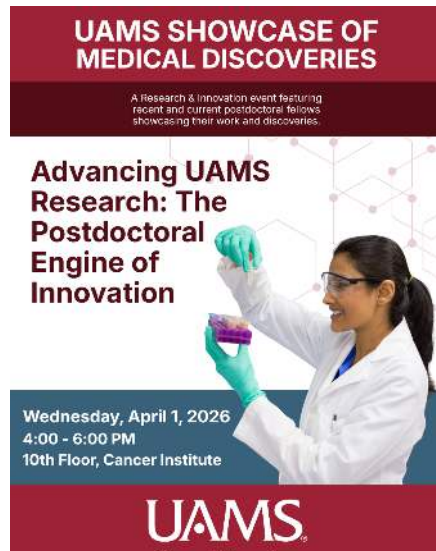
March 2026

News and Updates

UAMS Showcase of Medical Discoveries

Explore the innovations and contributions of our vibrant postdoctoral community

Apr. 1, 4–6 PM | 10th Floor, Cancer Institute



UAMS SHOWCASE OF MEDICAL DISCOVERIES
A Research & Innovation event featuring recent and current postdoctoral fellows showcasing their work and discoveries.

Advancing UAMS Research: The Postdoctoral Engine of Innovation

Wednesday, April 1, 2026
4:00 – 6:00 PM
10th Floor, Cancer Institute

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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.

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Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC): Site Visits Scheduled for April

In April, IACUC will be visiting animal housing and animal use areas as part of scheduled site inspections. Animal users are encouraged to take this opportunity to review procedures and prepare vivarium and laboratory spaces accordingly.

Research Administration Roundtable Apr. 15, 3–4 PM | Rayford Auditorium, Biomed II

Topic: NIH Common Forms & SciENcv - How to Help Your PIs

Who Should Attend:

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



A virtual link will be provided for NW campus participants.

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Sip & Science: Making Science Approachable and Relatable Apr. 23, 6–8 PM | Hibernia Irish Tavern



UAMS Research & Innovation **Sip & SCIENCE**
Connecting UAMS researchers with the public in informal environments.

Charles O'Brien, PhD **Shiloah Kviatkovsky, PhD, CISSN** **Simon Mears, MD, PhD**

Attendees pay for their own food and drinks

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Student Research Day 2026: Recap and Appreciation



On March 10, the Little Rock and Northwest UAMS campuses hosted the annual Student Research Day, during which more than 390 students presented research findings through poster sessions and oral presentations. The event also featured the McGhee Distinguished Keynote and the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Final Competition, which were attended by student presenters, guests, faculty, and members of the broader research community. Together, these activities showcased the depth of student scholarship and the strong collaborative engagement between learners and faculty across the institution.

Thank you for making **Student Research Day 2026** an outstanding success.

- To our student presenters: Your dedication, preparation, and engagement left a strong impression on all attendees.
- To our faculty mentors: Your mentorship and commitment to advancing student research are the foundation of this event.
- To our judges and volunteers: Your time, thoughtful feedback, and energy ensured an engaging experience for all presenters.

Congratulations to all winners of Student Research Day! [Read more and see full list of winners...](#)

Research Highlights from UAMS-Northwest

Faculty Research Presentation

Among recent Northwest Campus research activities, Dr. Glenda Hux presented at the CEC Convention & Expo in Salt Lake City, Utah in March—a significant international event dedicated to improving the accomplishments of children and youth with disabilities or exceptional abilities.

Dr. Hux, along with co-presenter Dr. Jill LaRosa (University of Arkansas), delivered a presentation titled "Caring under Pressure," which examined how prolonged stress experienced by caregivers of children with special health care needs affects their mental health, social participation, and daily functioning.

Student Research Day Achievements

Eight Occupational Therapy student research groups presented their work at the UAMS Northwest Research Day. The team of Katelyn White, Tessa Bowen, Mary Jane Vanhorn, and Zoe Wensel earned third place in the competition for their project.

Research Publications

Ongoing research activity across the Northwest Campus is reflected in three 2026 publications resulting from Dr. Rider's national and international collaborations, highlighting continued scholarly engagement and collaboration [Read more...](#)

Video Recordings Available for Recent Virtual Seminars!

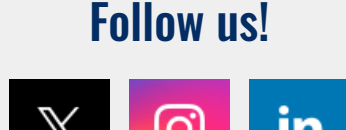
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2. [SciENcv Common Forms – Tips and FAQs](#): Nicole Schartz, Ph.D.
3. [AI for Discovery – Accelerating UAMS Research](#)
4. [UAMS Research Security Program](#): Nicole Schartz, Ph.D. ([PowerPoint Slides](#))
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