

News & Upcoming Events

NSF CAREER Program Informational Webinars

U.S. National Science Foundation program directors will provide information on the [NSF Faculty Early Career Development \(NSF CAREER\) program solicitation \(NSF 22-586\)](#) during webinars in April and May 2026.

The agencywide NSF CAREER program supports early-career faculty who have the potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their department or organization. Activities pursued by early-career faculty should build a firm foundation for a lifetime of leadership in integrating education and research.

The webinar date and time is:

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

[Read more](#)

Both CAREER webinars will include the same briefing on the program and key solicitation requirements, followed by a Q&A session. Faculty who are interested will only need to attend one session.

NIH Update: Research Security Training Certification

In accordance with the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, all senior/key personnel on a NIH grant application must certify that they have completed research security training (RST) within 12 months of the date of application submission. **This requirement is effective for applications submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2026.**

As of April 22, 2026, NIH has updated the Biosketch and Other Support Common Forms to include this certification.

If you certified your Common Forms prior to April 22 and have a grant due on/after May 25, you should regenerate your Common Form PDF prior to submission.

For applications that include Common Forms with the RST certification but are submitted for due dates on or before May 24, NIH will not hold individuals accountable for the portion of the certification statement related to RST.

Full announcement: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-079.html>

The Division of Research & Innovation offices will work with PIs to ensure everyone is compliant with these requirements as grant proposals are being prepared. Please reach out with questions, and we will get you the help you need.

Export Control Training Materials Available

The updated Export Control training materials are now available on the Institutional Compliance website. You can find those trainings here: <https://internationalcompliance.uams.edu/training/>.

2026 UAMS's Summer Research Programs

If you're interested in learning more about the summer research programs offered in 2026, please review the information below.

- Clinical Trials Office (CTO) Program**
Director: Matthew Kovak, MS, CCRP
- Professional Research Opportunity (PRO) Program**
Director: Jesús Delgado-Calle, PhD
- Proteomics Summer Internship**
Director: Karen Beenken, PhD
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF), Biochemistry**
Director: Mohammad Rahman, PhD
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF), Pharmacology & Toxicology**
Director: William Fantegrossi, PhD
- Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP)**
Director: Latrina Prince, EdD
- INBRE Summer Mentored Summer Research Program**
Director: Larry Cornnett, PhD

Draft schedules for INBRE (followed by most programs) and CTO are available below. SURP may have additional workshops.

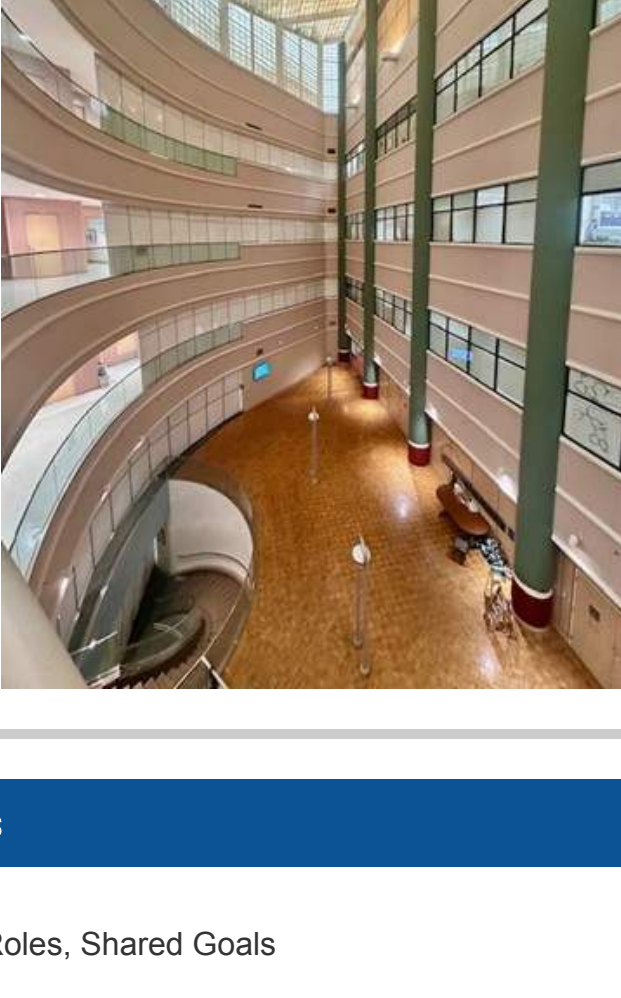
[\[INBRE Schedule\]](#) [\[CTO Schedule\]](#)

The INBRE schedule includes the date of the 13th Annual Arkansas Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium, which is organized by Dr. Grover Miller in the Department of Biochemistry.

Contact for questions: Diane McKinstry at DMckinstry@uams.edu

Biomed I Atrium Repair & Refresh

The BMRI Phase One "Refresh" is officially underway. While much of the recent construction in this building has taken place behind closed doors, the atrium and first-floor entrance transformation will be front and center over the next two months. Updates include long-awaited skylight and leak repairs, fresh paint, restored flooring, and new furniture. You'll notice scaffolding and temporary walls as work progresses, and while the atrium will be closed for safety, progress can still be viewed from open vantage points nearby. We're excited to bring this shared space back to life as a renewed hub for research events, learning, collaboration, and even a quick, well-earned break from the lab.



Research Education Class

Advanced CRS Elective

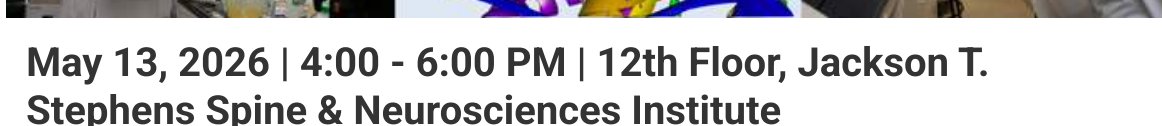
Title: Monitors vs. Auditors: Distinct Roles, Shared Goals
 May 13, 2026 | 10:00 – 11:00 | Zoom

Presenters: Laura Adkins, MAP, CCRP, CCRA, CRS, AdvCRS & Carrie Chiaro, MPH, CCRP, CHRC

[Register in Workday](#)

Contact for questions: Kelly Fountain at kfountain@uams.edu

UAMS Showcase of Medical Discoveries



May 13, 2026 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | 12th Floor, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute

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SciCom Seminar Series: Microsoft Word Tips & Tricks

May. 27, 2026 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Virtual

Speaker: Eric Rathman, MS, ELS

[Join via Teams](#)

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Funding Opportunities

FY26 CDMRP Rare Cancers Research Program, Kidney Cancer Research Program

Pending approval in accordance with Executive Order 14332: "Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking", the Defense Health Agency Contracting Activity will post official FY 2026 CDMRP Notices of Funding Opportunities, including submission due dates, in Grants.gov. Applicants should plan for condensed timelines for submission of both pre- and full applications. Applicants are encouraged to consult the anticipated funding opportunities (<https://cdmrp.health.mil/pubs/press/press>) and archived funding opportunities (<https://cdmrp.health.mil/funding/archive/archive>).

FY26 Pre-announcement(s) released:

The Rare Cancers Research Program (RCRP) released a pre-announcement for the following funding opportunities:

- Concept Award
- Idea Development Award
- Resource and Community Development Award

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

The Kidney Cancer Research Program (KCRP) released a pre-announcement for the following funding opportunities:

- Concept Award
- Idea Development Award (IDA)
 * IDA with Partnering Principal Investigator Option
- Academy of Kidney Cancer Investigators -Early Career Scholar Award

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

More Funding Forecast/Opportunities

Department of Health and Human Services - National Institutes of Health - Genomic and Biologic Therapies for AD/DRD (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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