

## News & Upcoming Events

### Now Open: 2027 Medical Research Endowment Fund Applications

Applications for the 2027 Medical Research Endowment (MRE) Fund are now open. Key information is summarized below.

#### AWARD DETAILS

- Maximum award: \$25,000
- Deadline: **August 30, 2026**
- Funding start: February 1, 2027

#### ELIGIBILITY

Permanent, full-time UAMS faculty at the rank of Assistant Professor or above. Faculty who received an MRE award last year (as PI or Co-Investigator) are not eligible for this cycle.

#### FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Early-stage investigators
- Start-up or seed efforts in new research areas
- Projects with strong potential for extramural funding
- Established investigators pursuing new research directions

[View Full Guidelines](#)

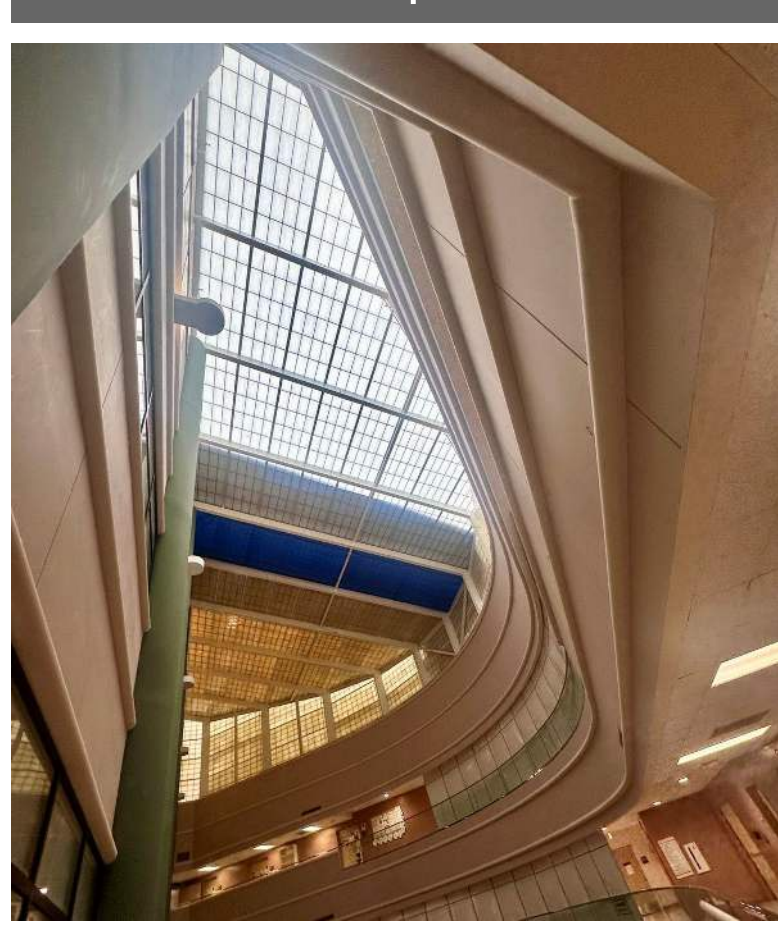
[Submit Your MRE Application](#)

### Quick Guide to NIH Public Access Policy Requirements and Key Compliance Steps for Researchers

As of July 1, 2025, the updated NIH Public Access Policy requires that all peer-reviewed publications arising from NIH-funded research be made immediately publicly available in PubMed Central (PMC) with no embargo. Researchers should confirm their journal's compliance pathway or be prepared to deposit the Author Accepted Manuscript via NIHMS at acceptance to avoid delays or funding impact.

[Read the Quick Guide](#)

### Biomed | Atrium Repair



The atrium repair and refresh projects are going well. Look at the difference in the new skylight panels compared to the old, yellowed panels. Let the light in!

### NIH Update: Research Security Training Certification

In accordance with the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, all senior/key personnel on an 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.

### Northwest Regional Campus Seminar *Current and Emerging Opportunities at the National Science Foundation: An Engineering Perspective*

May 21, 2026 | 11:00 - 12:00 PM | White Engineering Hall, Room 209



Speaker:  
**Alexis Lewis, PhD**  
Deputy Head, Directorate for Engineering  
US National Science Foundation

Attend in person or online. Lunch will be provided!

### SciCom Seminar Series: *Microsoft Word Tips & Tricks*

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



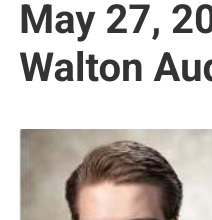
Speaker:  
**Eric Rathman, MS, ELS**

[Join via Teams](#)

[Add to Calendar](#)

### Research & Innovation Guest Speaker *From Ideas to Impact: Connecting Clinical Needs with Engineering Solutions*

May 27, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Cancer Institute – 10th Floor, Sam Walton Auditorium (Virtual option available)



Speaker:  
**Anthony Gunderman, PhD**  
Assistant Professor  
Mechanical Engineering (MEEG), University of Arkansas

Virtual Option: [Join via Zoom](#)

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### Research Administration Roundtable *Topic: Capital Budget Committee*

Mark Your Calendar!



Speaker:  
**Taylor Crow, CPA, MBA**  
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Finance

## Funding Opportunities

### FY26 CDMRP Funding Opportunities

The Department of War (DOW) Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) has released FY26 program announcements for the following programs (all cost caps are total costs):

- Alzheimer's (AZRP)** | [View Opportunities](#)
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALSRP)** | [View Opportunities](#)
- Arthritis (ATRP)** *New award added* | [View Opportunities](#)
- Breast Cancer (BCRP)** | [View Opportunities](#)
- Ovarian Cancer (OCRP)** | [View Opportunities](#)
- Pancreatic Cancer (PCARP)** | [View Opportunities](#)
- Spinal Cord Injury (SCIRP)** | [View Opportunities](#)

Visit the links above to view full announcements and submit a pre-application via eBRAP.

The following programs have released **pre-announcements** — official funding opportunities and due dates will be posted on Grants.gov pending Executive Order 14332 approval. Applicants should plan for condensed timelines for submission of both pre- and full applications.

- Rare Cancers (RCRP)** | [View Pre-Announcement](#)
- Kidney Cancer (KCRP)** | [View Pre-Announcement](#)

Visit the links above to view full details and submit pre-applications. For additional opportunities, see [anticipated](#) and [archived](#) funding opportunities on the CDMRP website.

### More Funding Forecast/Opportunities

Department of Health and Human Services - National Institutes of Health - Genomic and Biologic Therapies for AD/AD (U01 Clinical Trial Optional)

**Estimated Post Date: July 1, 2026**

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

### Past Weekly Updates and Newsletters

#### Weekly Updates

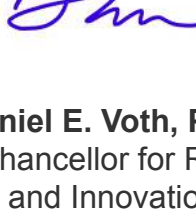
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