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July 8, 2026

News & Upcoming Events

DoW/CDMRP FY26 Funding Announcements

The Department of War's Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) has released Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) funding opportunities across five research programs. Researchers interested in submitting must first complete a pre-application through the eBRAP portal at the links provided below.

[Bone Marrow Failure Research Program \(BMFRP\)](#)

- Idea Development Award
- Investigator-Initiated Research Award
- Resource Development Award

[View announcement & submit pre-application](#)

[Kidney Cancer Research Program \(KCRP\)](#)

- Academy of Kidney Cancer Investigators – Early Career Scholar Award
- Concept Award
- Idea Development Award

[View announcement & submit pre-application \(letter of intent\)](#)

[Orthopaedic Research Program \(ORP\)](#)

- Applied Research Award
- Clinical Research Award

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[Rare Cancer Research Program \(RCRP\)](#)

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

[View announcement & submit pre-application](#)

[Reconstructive Transplant Research Program \(RTRP\)](#)

- Concept Award

[View announcement & submit pre-application \(letter of intent\)](#)

Education Opportunity

[CRS/Advanced CRS Fall 2026 Info Session](#)

July 21 | 9:00 – 9:45 | [Zoom](#) | [Workday](#)

Presenters:

Kelly Fountain, BS, CRS, Education Coordinator, Office of Integrity
Tracie Wilson, BS, CCRP, CRS, Research Compliance Analyst, Office of Integrity

[CRS Elective: "From Green Light to Finish Line: Opening and Closing a Study From a Sponsor Perspective"](#)

July 29 | 10:00 am – 11:00 am | [Zoom](#) | [Workday](#)

Presenter: Laura Adkins, MAP, CCRP, CCRA, AdvCRS, Director, Office of Research Regulatory Affairs (ORRA)

Limited Submission Opportunity: NIH Director's Early Independence Award (DP5)

UAMS is participating in a limited submission competition for the NIH Director's Early Independence Award (DP5; RFA-RM-27-004).

This Common Fund award allows exceptional junior scientists to launch an independent research program immediately after completing their doctoral degree or clinical training — skipping the traditional postdoctoral period. It provides up to \$350,000 in direct costs per year, for up to five years.

NIH allows only two applications per institution. We're asking for your help identifying outstanding early-career individuals who may qualify and encouraging them to apply.

Internal Timeline

- Internal pre-applications due: August 3, 2026, 5:00 PM
- Notification of selected candidates: on or about August 7, 2026
- NIH application due: September 10, 2026

[See pre-application details](#)

For questions or guidance on the pre-application, please contact:

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CADET Program Now Accepting Applications

CADET (Cancer and Developing Entrepreneurial Technologies) is a year-long, NCI-funded program pairing UAMS graduate students and postdocs with BioVentures staff and industry mentors to translate cancer research into real-world commercial applications.

Eligibility: UAMS graduate students/postdocs in cancer-related research, able to commit to weekly meetings + team-based activities for one year

Deadline: August 7, 2026

Apply: [Application form](#) | [More information](#)

Now Open: 2027 UAMS Medical Research Endowment Fund Applications

Applications for the 2027 UAMS 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

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

[View Full Guidelines](#)

[Submit Your MRE Application](#)

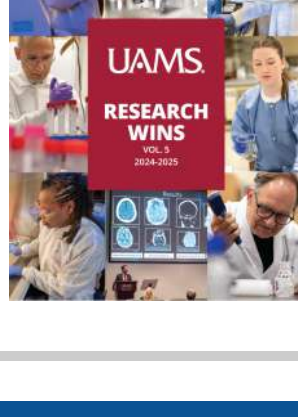
Quick Guide to NIH Public Access Policy Requirements and Key Compliance Steps for Researchers

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](#)

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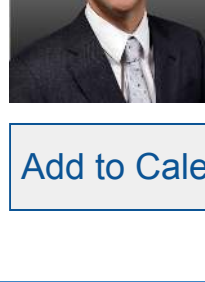
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Research Administration Roundtable

Topic: Capital Budget Committee

July 21, 2026 | 2:30 – 3:30 PM | Rayford Auditorium, Biomed II



Speaker:

Taylor Crow, CPA, MBA

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Finance

[Add to Calendar](#)

BioVentures Innovation Day

Aug. 19, 2026 | 8:30 AM– 6:00 PM | Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute (12th Floor)

This one-day event will bring together researchers, faculty, students, trainees, staff, entrepreneurs, investors, and industry partners to celebrate innovation, build meaningful connections, and explore how ideas can move from discovery to real-world impact.

Whether you are developing new technologies, interested in commercialization, looking to connect with Arkansas' growing innovation ecosystem, or simply curious about what's next in healthcare innovation, Innovation Day is an opportunity to learn, network, and engage.

Spots are limited. Please complete the interest form to RSVP and save yours.

[Register Now](#) | [View Event Flyer](#)

UAMS Research & Innovation Research Orientation & TRI's Research Expo

Aug. 27, 2026 | 3:00 – 6:00 PM | Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute (12th Floor)

The combined event is Aug. 27 in the Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, 12th Floor, with the UAMS Research & Innovation Research Orientation from **3:00 - 4:00 PM** and the TRI Research Expo from **4:00 - 6:00 PM**.

At the Orientation, gain insights about the pivotal role UAMS Research & Innovation programs play in research. All are welcome; no RSVP required.

At the Expo, network with colleagues and chat with representatives from over 50 research services across UAMS, Arkansas Children's Research Institute, and the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System. Learn about the full suite of TRI career development, research, and clinical trial services for investigators. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

[Register for the Expo](#)

More 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 (OOCR)** | [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.

For additional opportunities, see [anticipated](#) and [archived](#) funding opportunities on the CDMRP website.

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