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September 3, 2026

News & Announcements

Shape Future Writing Support: Share Your Insights!

From the College of Pharmacy

We are seeking UAMS faculty members of all ranks to participate in a quick 30-minute interview about scholarly writing resources. Your insights will help us identify current support and shape new tools to make the writing and publication process easier. Interviews take place via Zoom or in person at your convenience.

How to Help:

- **Who:** UAMS faculty members who write for publication
- **Time:** 30 minutes via Zoom or in person
- **Action:** Click the scheduling link to book a session:
<https://calendar.app.google/41aHJs4rmr1L8N6e7>

Questions? Contact Amy Franks (afranks@uams.edu).

New Research Contracts & Agreements Webpage

A new **Research Contracts & Agreements** webpage is now available for UAMS researchers. The webpage provides access to the **Research Agreement Intake Form** and contact information for the Research Contracts Office.

Visit the new webpage to learn more and get started.

[Research Contracts & Agreements](#) →

Research Security Annual Refresher Training Now Available

We are pleased to announce the release of an annual refresher course for Research Security Training in Workday. After completing the full 1-hour **NSF Consolidated Research Security Training**, researchers will be able to take the **UAMS Research Security Training Annual Refresher**, which takes 20-30 minutes to complete. This refresher training complies with the annual training requirement of federal funding agencies.

NOT-OD-26-094 NIH Replacing Letters of Support with Letters of Collaboration

Starting with Forms J in Fiscal Year 2027, NIH will no longer accept letters of support, replacing them with letters of collaboration that document collaborative relationships with individuals not listed as senior/key personnel or other significant contributors. Letters of collaboration must be limited to stating intent to collaborate or provide material support (100 words max) and cannot include endorsements or project evaluations. Investigators preparing applications for FY2027 should start using the new letter of collaboration format going forward.

Full notice: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-094.html>

Upcoming Events

Research in the Spotlight: Dr. Petersen Featured on Local Television



Tune in to **Channel 7's Daybreak** on **Saturday, September 12, from 8–9 a.m.**, as **Dr. Erika Petersen** takes the spotlight to share insights from her groundbreaking research.

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National Postdoc Appreciation Week Kick-Off — Sept. 21

Sept. 21, 2026 | 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. | Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute Rotunda (10th Floor)

Join postdocs and UAMS leadership for a **Coffee and Conversation Kick-Off Event**, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the postdoctoral position in the U.S.

Throughout the week, the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs will host social, networking, and professional development events honoring UAMS postdoctoral scholars.

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