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October 14, 2026

Seminars & Events

VCRI Seminar Series: Research Security – Preparing for a Changing Landscape

Oct. 15, 2026 | 12:00 p.m. | Zoom

Speaker: Nicole Schartz, PhD, Research Security Analyst

All UAMS researchers are invited to learn about the latest developments in research security and how to prepare for an evolving research environment.

[Join the presentation via Zoom](#)

We look forward to your participation.

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Research Administrative Roundtable – Agreements

Nov. 3, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. | Rayford Auditorium

Speaker: Dori Scoggins, Associate General Counsel

Join us for an overview of different types of research agreements, including subawards, MTAs, CTAs, MOUs, DUAs, and more. The presentation will explain what each agreement is, when it is used, and the process for setting one up.

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QIAGEN Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) Training

Nov. 18, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. | I. Dodd Wilson Room (105 A-B)

Learn how QIAGEN IPA can help you analyze and interpret genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, metabolomics, and single-cell data. The training is led by QIAGEN experts and is open to faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, and research personnel at all levels. No prior bioinformatics experience is required.

Attendees will gain practical data analysis skills, learn about tools that can strengthen grants and publications, and meet colleagues across disciplines.

Questions? Contact Moe Elasri, PhD, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, at MOElasri@uams.edu.

[Register here →](#) | [Learn more about the training →](#)

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Writer's Block 2027 – Applications Now Open

Writer's Block is a scholarly writing accountability group for UAMS faculty, staff, and graduate students who are actively working on manuscripts for publication. Participants commit to protected weekly writing time and attend **six monthly group sessions** on **January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3**, from either **9:00–10:30 a.m. or 1:00–2:30 p.m.** In-person and virtual preferences will be considered.

Applications are open through November 1, 2026.

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Coming Up

- Sip & Science: Details coming soon
- UAMS Showcase of Medical Discoveries: Nov. 18, 2026
- Student Research Day: March 9, 2027 [View Event Flyer →](#)

Funding Opportunities

Limited Submission Opportunity: NIH C06 Construction or Modernization of Collaborative Research Facilities

The NIH Office of Research Infrastructure Programs (ORIP) has released a funding opportunity (PAR-26-106, Activity Code C06) to build or modernize shared-use research facilities that serve broad research communities.

The C06 mechanism funds two programs:

- Biomedical Research Facilities (BRF):** Basic, translational, clinical, or behavioral research infrastructure. Federal funds range from \$2,000,000 to \$8,000,000.
- HIV/AIDS Research Facilities (HRF):** Research aligned with NIH OAR priorities. Federal funds range from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

Awards are for up to five years, paid in a single payment. F&A costs are not allowable.

Only one application per institution is permitted, so the Division of Research and Innovation will run an internal selection process.

Key Dates

- UAMS internal pre-application due: **November 16, 2026, by 5:00 PM**
- NIH application deadline: **January 25, 2027**

Interested teams should reach out early. Questions about the pre-application process can go to [Dr. Voth](#) or [Dr. Elasri](#).

[Open the pre-application instructions →](#)

Reminders & Updates

Biomed I Atrium Update

Atrium demolition and flood-cut work is approximately 80% complete. Drywall is being replaced in areas where it will not be affected by potential future water intrusion.

Planned schedule through Oct. 25 (from our project manager):

Week of Oct.12-18

- Substantially complete remaining atrium demolition and flood-cut work.
- Continue drywall replacement in areas that can proceed independently of the skylight repair.
- Hold reconstruction of areas directly susceptible to skylight-related water intrusion until corrective work is completed and the skylight is watertight .

Week of Oct.19-25

- Complete remaining atrium demolition/flood-cut work as needed.
- Once we have confirmation that the water-intrusion issue has been addressed, proceed with reconstruction of affected wall areas.
- Begin installation of mold- and moisture-resistant wall/foam board and green-board drywall in previously demolished areas.
- Continue drywall installation, finishing, and preparation for subsequent painting and finish restoration.

NOTE: The primary driver for the upcoming atrium reconstruction work is resolution of the BioMed I skylight water intrusion. We are awaiting confirmation that all leaks have been fixed before installing new finishes that could be damaged by additional water intrusion.

Important Update: IACUC Amendment Submission Deadline Change Effective October 2, 2026

Effective Friday, October 2, 2026, all amendments requiring IACUC review must be submitted by 12:00 PM on Friday for review at the next scheduled IACUC amendment meeting, typically on Friday of the following week. This change is intended to ensure a smoother review process and support timely consideration of amendment requests. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement this change.

Please plan your submissions accordingly to avoid delays in review and approval. Amendments received after the Friday deadline will be deferred to the next meeting.

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