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Seminars & Events

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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UAMS Showcase of Medical Discoveries: Cardiovascular and Metabolic Health

Nov. 18, 2026 | 4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. | 12th Floor, JTS Spine Institute

All members of the UAMS community are invited to attend. Come explore innovative research, connect with colleagues across disciplines, and show your support for our research community!

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Join Us!



VCRI Series: Streamline Your Funding Search — Research Development with UAMS SciCom

Nov. 19, 2026 | 12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m. | Zoom

Speaker: Madison "Katie" McGraw, PhD, Research Development Specialist

In this presentation, Dr. McGraw will share best practices for grant prospecting and introduce the new research development services offered by the UAMS Science Communication Group.

Join the presentation via Zoom →

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Write & Recharge - Applications Now Open

Write & Recharge is a facilitated writing event for faculty, staff, and graduate students to dedicate time to scholarly writing while connecting with colleagues about balancing writing, work, and life. Participants are encouraged to bring an active writing project, such as a manuscript, presentation, or literature review. The event will be held on **December 10, 2026**. Snacks, lunch, and parking will be provided, and participation is limited to 25 attendees. **Registration closes December 1, 2026.**

Register here → | View flyer for more information →

Contact for questions: Adrian Williams, College of Pharmacy, at AWilliams6@uams.edu

Join the New UAMS Obesity Research Working Group: Survey Due Dec 4

Obesity is a major health concern in Arkansas and contributes to cancer and many other chronic diseases. Starting in January 2027, a UAMS-affiliated Obesity Research Working Group will connect investigators conducting obesity-related research across colleges, departments, institutes, centers, and affiliated institutions.

This collaborative, project-focused group will pool resources to advance understanding of the mechanisms of obesity and their roles in disease. Each year, the group aims to identify one to three obesity-related mechanisms and conduct shared experiments that strengthen manuscripts, generate preliminary data, support grant applications, and produce other tangible research products.

All interested investigators are welcome to participate. At minimum, each participating research group, department, or center is asked to designate one representative to attend in-person meetings, share information with colleagues, and help connect the group with relevant expertise and resources.

To help us identify interested investigators and establish the group's initial priorities, please complete the interest survey **by December 4, 2026**:

Obesity Research Working Group Interest Survey

The brief REDCap survey asks about your research interests, collaborators, ongoing obesity-related studies, available samples or data, and resources that could support collaborative projects. Please forward this announcement to interested colleagues or encourage someone to represent your research group, department, or center.

Contact for questions: Gunnar Boysen, PhD. at gboysen@uams.edu

Coming Up

- R01: Grantsmanship Strategies Panel: Dec 8, 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 →

Research Curiosities

The beauty of the brain, seen through a light microscope: neurons in an expanded mouse brain

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