

 

### Community Scientist Academy: Creating Community Advocates and Partners for Research

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Translational Research Institute (TRI) The semi-annual Community Scientist Academy brings UAMS researchers and community members together for weekly sessions to increase the community participants' knowledge of the research process, to build relationships between TRI and the community, and to create a cadre of stakeholders who can influence UAMS' research.

"We want our fellow Arkansans to understand what we do because their input makes a big difference in our efforts to improve health," said Kate Stewart, M.D., M.P.H., who leads the TRI's Community Engagement program.

TRI established the academy on the recommendation of members of its Community Advisory Board. The academy, which is free to the public, addresses misconceptions about research while confronting past unethical behavior of researchers with vulnerable populations.

The next Community Scientist Academy will be Sept. 25 through Oct. 30, 2018, Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. For more information about this program and/or the upcoming academy, please contact Rachel Hale, 501-526-6628 or [rbhale@uams.edu](mailto:rbhale@uams.edu).

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