**Mini Grants for Under-Represented Faculty Researchers**

The UAMS Translational Research Institute (TRI) in collaboration with the UAMS Division for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DDEI) seeks to provide mini-grants to support research conducted by under-represented minority (URM) faculty. DDEI and TRI missions can be found at [UAMS DDEI](https://ddei.uams.edu/%20) and <https://tri.uams.edu/> respectively.

The NIH defines groups under-represented in biomedical, clinical, behavioral and social sciences as

* Individuals with disabilities, who are defined as those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, as described in the [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended](http://www.ada.gov/pubs/adastatute08.htm).
* Individuals from racial and ethnic groups that have been shown by the National Science Foundation to be underrepresented in health-related sciences on a national basis. The following racial and ethnic groups have been shown to be underrepresented in biomedical research: Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.
* Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds defined as those who meet two or more of the following criteria:
	+ Were or currently are homeless, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
	+ Were or currently are in the foster care system, as defined by the Administration for Children and Families;
	+ Were eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years;
	+ Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor’s degree (see First-Generation and Continuing-Generation College Students: A Comparison of High School and Postsecondary Experiences;
	+ Were or currently are eligible for Federal Pell grants;
	+ Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child;
	+ Grew up in one of the following areas: a) a U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer, or b) a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas

**Award amount:** up to $10,000 (Two grants in this funding cycle).

**Award Information:** The grants can be used for a broad range of research activities including but not limited to, consultant fees, supplies, software, transcribing and analyzing existing data, data collection, publication fees, participant incentives and other activities to prepare for applying for extramural funding. Funds must be expended within one year of the award date.

**Eligibility Criteria:** The PI of the study must hold a terminal degree and have at least 50% faculty appointment at UAMS, UAMS-NW or ACH. The PI must meet the NIH definition of under-represented persons in research (refer to page 1).

**Application Process**

A panel of interdisciplinary researchers will review applications. All applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm December 1, 2020.

Applications must include:

* The cover page (Page 3 of this document)
* A 2 page narrative that describes:
	+ Brief background including relevance of the project to TRI and DDEI missions; specific aims, goals for use of the grant; significance and innovation of the planned work; explanation of how the grant will advance your research, the impact of this funding for future research direction and plans for future grants and funding. (References will not count towards the page limit).
* An NIH biosketch of PI
* A letter of support from the department chair of the applicant
* Proposed budget and budget justification. You must provide specific expenses the grant will be used for, roles and responsibilities of any staff personnel being funded and any potential overlap with existing funding. Grant funds may not be used for faculty salary.
* Timeline for completion of the project
* IRB approved protocol (For applicants that involve augmenting an existing project)

The application should be submitted as a PDF via our [online portal](https://tri.uams.edu/funding-opportunities/mini-grants-for-under-represented-faculty-researchers/mini-grants-application-submission-portal/). An interdisciplinary committee will review applications.

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| **Principal Investigator** |
| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Middle Name** |
| **Academic Rank:** | **Degree(s):** | **UAMS College**: Other: |
| **Institution: Other:** | **ACHRI UAMS**(Select all that apply) | **CAVHS** | **UAMS NW** | **Department/Division:** |
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**Underrepresented Minority Status (**Select all that apply)

* Individuals with Disabilities
* Racial
	+ American Indians or Alaska Natives
	+ Blacks or African Americans
	+ Hispanics or Latinos
	+ Native Hawaiians
	+ Other Pacific Islanders
* List two or more of the disadvantaged categories described by NIH in this RFA

**Project Title**

**Project Summary**