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“Congratulations, Debasree Bhadra”

Please join all of us in the department in sending a massive congratulations to Debasree Bhadra, a third-year PhD candidate in Dr. Mitchell R. McGill's lab! Debasree was recently awarded the highly prestigious North American Graduate Fellowship from the American College of Toxicology. It is an incredibly competitive honor, given to no more than three graduate students across the entire continent each year. Through this fellowship, she will receive 5,000 dollars annually for up to two years to back her vital research into new treatment strategies for acetaminophen-induced hepatotoxicity. The award also fully covers her travel, lodging at the JW Marriott, meals, and registration for the upcoming ACT Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, along with complimentary Continuing Education courses. This is an incredible opportunity for Debasree to showcase her hard work on a major stage and represent UAMS among the top minds in the field. We are so proud of Debasree, and we cannot wait to see where her research takes her next!



“Research Support from Katie

The UAMS Science Communication Group (SciCom) is launching exciting new research development services, and they are being led by someone very familiar to us, our own Dr. Madison “Katie” McGraw! While we will certainly miss having her in our day-to-day department operations, we are thrilled to see her step into this institution-wide role. The team’s primary mission is to streamline the process of finding research funding and provide dedicated support for investigators across UAMS.

To help everyone stay ahead of upcoming opportunities, Katie and the team are launching tailored "interest group" listservs that will deliver regular, curated funding newsletters directly to your inbox based on your specific research area. Many investigators have been pre-enrolled for convenience, but you can easily update your preferences or subscribe to new topics using their online link.

By utilizing these new resources, you can take advantage of three fantastic individualized services designed to save you time and maximize your funding potential. Katie is now available to conduct personalized funding searches tailored to your career stage, help facilitate multidisciplinary collaborations across different departments, and host educational workshops covering everything from prospecting to proposals. All of these new features, along with SciCom’s exceptional editing services, can be requested today through their central scheduling form!

“40,000 Books and Counting”

What started as a personal effort five years ago has grown into a massive charity initiative right out of our department. Since July 2021, Professor Alexei Basnakian has collected and personally delivered 40,000 books to Arkansas correctional facilities and local county jails. The project has brought together a large network of support, including local churches, booksellers, and several of our own UAMS colleagues who regularly donate used reading material. Alexei and his wife, Nadia, handle the logistics themselves, driving the donations directly to the facilities. They accept almost any genre, including mysteries, history, poetry, gardening guides, and textbooks. From his visits to the facilities, Alexei saw firsthand that these books are highly valued and constantly passed around among the inmates. He also noticed that these populations are frequently short on basic necessities, so he now regularly packs hygiene products alongside the book deliveries. The project is still going strong, and Alexei is always happy to take more donations. If you have been meaning to clear out your bookshelves, consider reaching out to Dr. Basnakian to pass your books along to a great cause.

