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“Debasree Bhadra Earns Multiple Honors at SOT 2026”

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Debasree Bhadra's research has received significant national recognition at the 2026 Annual Meeting and Conference of the Society of Toxicology (SOT). Her achievements include being named a Finalist for the Mechanisms Specialty Section Carl Smith Award, advancing through abstract review and invited to submit a full manuscript, with final announcements to take place at the 2026 meeting in San Diego. She was also selected as a recipient of the Mechanisms Specialty Section Ronald G. Thurman Endowment Award, which will be listed on the official SOT website. In addition, Debasree received the Clinical and Translational Toxicology Specialty Section (CTTSS) Graduate Student Best Research Award and the SOT Graduate Student Travel Support Award. Further highlighting the impact of her work, she was selected to present both a poster and an oral presentation, with her oral presentation featured during the CTTSS award session. These honors reflect the strength and significance of Debasree's research contributions and proudly represent our department on an international stage.



Debasree Bhadra,
Graduate Research Assistant

“Dinesh Bhattarai Receives Travel Award for National OKRA Showcase”

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Instructor Dinesh Bhattarai has been selected to receive a Travel Award to attend the upcoming O'Brien Kidney Resource Alliance (OKRA) Showcase in Washington, D.C., on April 6, 2026. While this is not a presentation-based program, the OKRA Showcase is a national meeting that brings together principal investigators involved in kidney research. The event highlights specialized resources and advanced research tools available at leading institutions, including the University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Michigan, and Washington University in St. Louis, among others. The meeting fosters collaboration, strengthens teamwork, and builds connections across institutions. This opportunity will allow Dr. Bhattarai to engage with leaders in the field, exchange ideas, and expand collaborative networks that support ongoing and future research efforts.



Dinesh Bhattarai, Ph.D.

“PTET Students Advance to 3MT finals”

Exciting news! Christian and Bushra are heading to the 3MT Finals. Christian earned second place, and Bushra received the People's Choice, a fantastic accomplishment for both students!



“Elizabeth Kim Heads to ISEF to Fight Forever Chemicals”

Elizabeth Kim, mentored by Dr. Yuet-Kin Leung and Dr. Kyoungyun Kim, won first place at the Central Arkansas Regional Science and Engineering Fair and will represent Arkansas at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix this May with a full scholarship. Her project investigates how genistein, a soy-derived compound, may protect liver cells from damage caused by the environmental “forever chemical” PFOA. Elizabeth credits her mentors and UAMS for supporting her research.

