

# Call for Visionary Briefs from COM Researchers to Identify Key Signature Areas

The College of Medicine (COM) Research Office is requesting short briefs from different thematic research areas to identify Creativity Hubs that will inform investment as the COM moves forward to achieve Vision 2029. Briefs should ideally focus on collaborative and interdisciplinary thematic research that brings together multi-disciplinary teams to drive future program development that will expand extramural funding. Examples of multi-disciplinary teams include those involving basic scientists and clinicians and/ or implementation scientists, public health, health services, community engaged researchers and/ or (bio)informaticians. Creativity Hubs should connect investigators and clinicians across the COM and can extend to faculty in other UAMS Colleges or across UA campuses, or individuals in outside entities (e.g. NCTR). Creativity Hubs will be expected to promote mentoring across the pipeline from students to trainees to junior faculty. The COM Research Council will review the briefs and make recommends to the dean of the College of Medicine, Dr. Susan S. Smyth.

## The Brief

Briefs should total no more than 3 pages and include the following information to advocate for investment in a Creativity Hub:

### 1. Update on current status (please directly address the following topics):

- ✓ Key collaborating faculty and departments
- ✓ Ongoing research projects
- ✓ Campus and extra-campus collaborations
- ✓ Existing activities/strengths in mentoring and training
- ✓ Diversity of faculty and trainees
- ✓ Current funding supporting the research

### 2. Vision for Creativity Hub that will promote thematic/programmatic expansion (please directly address the following topics):

- ✓ Provide a brief vision for 5-year development of the thematic research area
- ✓ Describe specific investment required for recruitment, infrastructure, core facilities, new directions, or other needs
- ✓ Identify plans for future programmatic research grant proposals (COBRE, P01/PPG, training grants, P30 or P50 Center grants etc)
- ✓ Include plans to improve mentoring and career development activities and support medical and graduate training/education
- ✓ Plans to strengthen diversity of faculty and trainees

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## Submission Deadline

Briefs should be submitted online at <https://medicine.uams.edu/research/funding/intramural/creativity-hub/briefs/>