

## **From the Provost – Announcing Recipients of IPE Small Grants**

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Dear faculty colleagues:

We are pleased to announce the three recipients of our latest interprofessional education (IPE) small grant program.

The grants were awarded by the Office of Interprofessional Education and the Provost's Office as part of the annual IPE small grant program to promote interprofessional education and collaborative practice at UAMS. The focus of this year's awards was on projects that addressed objectives in the UAMS Vision 2029 strategic plan.

The awards and principal investigators include:

- "Assessing the feasibility and acceptability of post-injury post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression screening and nurse-administered intervention to prevention of PTSD of depression following injury" — PI: Sacha McBain, Ph.D.
- "Using Virtual Reality Technology to Improve Patient Experience and Quality of Care during Brachytherapy: A Pilot Study" — PI: Gary Lewis, M.D.
- "An Interprofessional Mentoring Program" — PI: Emily Freeman, MHSA

We are pleased to award grants for projects that could move us closer to achieving Vision 2029 goals on faculty retention, improving the patient experience and patient outcomes — and with an interdisciplinary approach that bolsters yet another one of the plan's objectives.

We were forced to pause a call for submissions for the small grant program last spring at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We resumed in December with a call for proposals and support for the awards from a philanthropic gift. We hope to offer more grants later this year.

Sincerely,

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