The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the nation’s primary medical research agency, supporting research efforts in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Its mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce the burdens of illness and disability.

The NIH Funding Improves Health in Arkansas

In FY 2016, Arkansas institutions held five active Institutional Development Award (IDeA) grants.

21 NIH-supported clinical trials were initiated at Arkansas institutions in FY 2016.

INVESTMENT IN NIH RESEARCH BENEFITS THE ARKANSAS ECONOMY

- Arkansas institutions received more than $700,000 in NIH grants in FY 2016 to train the next generation of innovative scientists.
- Seven Arkansas businesses received NIH funding totaling $11 million for the research and development of technologies with potential commercial applications.
- In 2014, Arkansas was home to 628 bioscience business establishments. Residents held 6,617 bioscience industry jobs, and the average annual wage in the bioscience sector was $14,031 higher than the private sector overall.