

Arkansas Public Higher Education
New Provisional Positions Report
December 2025



Arkansas Division of Higher Education

101 E. Capitol Ave., Suite 300, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

NEW PROVISIONAL POSITIONS REPORT FOR FY26

DATE: December 2025
INSTITUTION: Arkansas State University - Act 534 of 2025 (SB130)

Number of Positions Authorized by Arkansas Code § 6-63-305 425
Number of Positions Established To Date 339
Number of New Provisional Positions 4
Number of Positions Remaining for 2025-26 82

Percentage % for Each SOURCE OF FUNDING, Type of Funds for Each Source (Federal, Grants, Gifts, Collections, and/or University/College Funds) & Name for Each Source of Funding for 2025-26							
Item No.	Continual or New	Title	# of Positions	Maximum Annual Salary 2025-26		Position Assignment 2025-26	Anticipated Salary 2025-26
186	New	Executive Divisional Director	1	\$297,440	18.90% Grant - The Consortium for Inclusive Postsecondary Education and Transition (CIPET)/24.82% Grant - Helping Our Wolves Learn (HOWL)-Autonomy Through Leadership, Advocacy, and Service (ATLAS)/56.28% Grant - Business Acuity	Research, Education, Service, Transition, and Outreach through Reflective Engagement (RESTORE)	\$211,650
187	New	Graduate Assistant - Research	1	\$64,109	100% Grant - Multifunctional Nickel-Chromium (Ni-Cr) Coating Mechanically Enhanced by MAX (Describes a Type of Material Made up of a Metal (M), a Group "A" Element on the Periodic Table, and "X" is Either Carbon or Nitrogen) Phases for Space Applications	Engineering	\$16,200
188	New	Research Associate	1	\$146,533	100% Grant - Linking and Leveraging Zoo Collections: Creation of the National Reptilian Immunology Database	Biological Sciences	\$52,000
189	New	Graduate Assistant - Research	1	\$64,109	100% Grant - Building Research Capacity of New Faculty in Biology (BRC-BIO): Uncoiling the Ecological and Evolutionary Drivers of Snail-Symbiont Interrelationships	Biological Sciences	\$20,000



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Jacob Oliva
Secretary

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Commissioner

November 25, 2025

Dr. Todd Shields, Chancellor
Arkansas State University-Jonesboro
504 University Loop
Jonesboro, AR 72467

RE: Temporary Approval to Fill Provisional Positions

Dear Chancellor Shields:

Due to various funding timing restrictions and the immediate need to fill positions, please accept this letter as approval from the Division of Higher Education to fill the approved provisional positions listed below on a temporary basis until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Arkansas Legislative Council - Personnel Subcommittee or Joint Budget Committee.

Positions Approved:

Executive Divisional Director - 1 (Item No. 186)
Graduate Assistant-Research - 1 (Item No. 187)
Research Associate - 1 (Item No. 188)

If you have any questions, please contact me at nick.fuller@adhe.edu.

Sincerely,

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Nicholas Fuller
Assistant Commissioner for Finance

Cc: Kristin Carson

NEW PROVISIONAL POSITIONS REPORT FOR FY26

DATE: December 2025
INSTITUTION: University of Arkansas at Fayetteville - Act 612 of 2025 (SB127)

Number of Positions Authorized by Arkansas Code § 6-63-305 1,000
Number of Positions Established To Date 695
Number of New Provisional Positions 4
Number of Positions Remaining for 2025-26 301

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Item No.	Continual or New	Title	# of Positions	Maximum Annual Salary 2025-26	Position Assignment 2025-26		Anticipated Salary 2025-26
612	New	Post Doctoral Fellow - 12 Month	2	\$126,046	100% Grant - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Human Environmental Science	\$54,000
613	New	Post Doctoral Fellow - 12 Month	1	\$126,046	100% Collections - Start-Up Funds Y. Sun Chemistry and Biochemistry	Chemistry and Biochemistry (CHBC)	\$46,383
614	New	Administrative Analyst	1	\$67,284	100% Grant - Seamless Transition in Arkansas (STAR)	Counseling, Leadership, and Research Methods (CLRM)	\$45,000

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NEW PROVISIONAL POSITIONS REPORT FOR FY26

DATE:

December 2025

INSTITUTION:

University of Arkansas - Medical Sciences - Act 533 of 2025 (SB128)

Number of Positions Authorized by Arkansas Code § 6-63-305

1,000

Number of Positions Established To Date

659

Number of New Provisional Positions

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Number of Positions Remaining for 2025-26

336

Item No.	Continual or New	Title	# of Positions	Maximum Annual Salary 2025-26	Percentage % for Each SOURCE OF FUNDING, Type of Funds for Each Source (Federal, Grants, Gifts, Collections, and/or University/College Funds) & Name for Each Source of Funding for 2025-26	Position Assignment 2025-26	Anticipated Salary 2025-26
588	New	Research Associate	1	\$142,209	100% Grant - Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute (ACHRI)	College of Medicine (COM) - Pediatrics (PEDS) Developmental Nutrition Group 8	\$70,500
589	New	Research Associate	1	\$142,209	100% Grant - Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute (ACHRI)	College of Medicine (COM) - Pediatrics (PEDS) Developmental Nutrition	\$70,500
590	New	Research Associate	1	\$142,209	100% Federal - National Institutes of Health (NIH)-National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)	Institute for Community Health Innovation Research 3	\$46,410
591	New	Research Associate	1	\$142,209	100% Grant - Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)	Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) Arkansas Center for Women and Infant Health (ACWISH) Postpartum Call Center Navigation	\$45,500
592	New	Research Associate	1	\$142,209	100% Federal - National Institutes of Health (NIH)-National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)	College of Medicine (COM) - Biochemistry and Molecular	\$61,800



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November 12, 2025

Dr. C. Lowery Barnes, Chancellor
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
4301 W. Markham Street
Little Rock, AR 72205

RE: Temporary Approval to Fill Provisional Positions

Dear Chancellor Barnes:

Due to various funding timing restrictions and the immediate need to fill positions, please accept this letter as approval from the Division of Higher Education to fill the approved provisional positions listed below on a temporary basis until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee - Personnel Subcommittee.

Positions Approved:
Research Associate - 1 (Item No. 588, 589, 590, 591, 592)

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Sincerely,

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Nicholas Fuller
Assistant Commissioner for Finance

Cc: Tabatha French