Research programs are the means by which the university contributes to the generation of knowledge as well as to the preservation and dissemination of it. With nationally recognized programs in many areas and funding from government, industry, and other private sources, the research effort of the university is strong and diversified and provides special learning opportunities for students as discoveries are made.

In addition to the extensive work performed by faculty through individual and team efforts in academic departments, special programs of research are conducted by the university divisions described below.

Graduate students are likely to be involved in research conducted by these research units, but the university encourages undergraduates as well to pursue research in their areas of academic interest. Students who wish to engage in research of any kind should seek the guidance of their advisers and professors to identify research teams and projects. In addition to the extensive work performed by faculty through individual and team efforts in academic departments, special programs of research are conducted by faculty members and staff in many associated university research centers. The university invites students to learn more about these centers and the research opportunities they offer by visiting the websites or by contacting the individuals listed below.

Units connected to the Division of Research and Innovation include:

- Office of Development for Research
- Office of Innovation and Industry Partnerships
- Office of Research Compliance
- Office of Scholarly Communications
- Office of Sponsored Research
- University of Arkansas Press