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Academy Policy & Legislative Update

Dear Academy friends,

View the Academy's Summary of Spring Events! Read about Hill Day, MedTech, and the Research Roundtable.

Appropriations Update
On April 3, 2026, the Trump administration released its FY2027 budget request, and today, Congressional justifications for each IC were released. The National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) FY2027 Congressional budget justification includes continuing to support the growth of AI in biomedical imaging and training the scientific workforce central to achieving NIBIB's mission. Major changes in the FY2027 budget request include funding $257 million for Research Project Grants, a reduction of $29.3 million from FY2026 enacted levels. Additionally, the budget request includes $38 million for Research Centers, a reduction of $2 million due to limiting indirect costs for competing and noncompeting grant awards to no more than 15% of direct costs. Funding also decreased for Intramural Research by 4.4%, and for Research Management & Support by 3.3%, due to an overall reduction in funding for NIBIB in the FY2027 budget request.

To read the NIBIB FY2027 budget justification, click here.
For the overview, click here.

To view the President's budget request, click here.
To view agency specific requests, click here.
To track NIH budget updates, click here.
To view Congressional justifications for each IC, click here.

Take Action!
AIMBE has put together a letter template that you can use to urge your Members of Congress to reject the President's FY2027 budget request and instead protect and strengthen federal investments in our nation's scientific enterprise.

Click here to fill out the template.

Trump administration drops court fight to cap NIH payments for research overhead costs

After 14 months, a 15% cap on facilities and administrative (F&A) costs has not been implemented. The April 6 deadline to petition the Supreme Court regarding F&A expenses passed this week without action from the Department of Justice.

This allows time to work with Congress on alternative approaches to F&A costs, and it is not the end of the discussion about research expenses. The President's FY2027 budget request still calls for a 15% cap on indirect costs.

To read more, click here.
For more information on the FAIR model, click here.

Dr. Elisabeth Armstrong named NIH Chief of Staff
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced that Elisabeth Armstrong, DBe, has been named chief of staff in the NIH Office of the Director. As chief of staff, Dr. Armstrong will oversee the Office of the Director. She will provide strategic counsel to the NIH Director, as well as other key leaders within NIH, in addition to managing processes, operations, and information flows.

To read more, click here.

NIH lagging in awarding grants
The National Institutes of Health has awarded about 10,000 awards this year compared to around 18,000 at this time in previous years. NIH funding is also lagging behind FY25, during which thousands of grants were canceled, and fewer grants were awarded than in previous years.

NHLBI and NINDS are hiring!
NHLBI and NINDS are looking to fill their director positions. Both applications are open through April 20.

To view details about both positions, view the links below.

- Click here for the NHLBI job posting.
- Click here for the NINDS job posting.

Request for Information (RFI): Inviting Comments and Suggestions on a Framework for the NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2027-2031
NIH invites input from stakeholders throughout the scientific research, advocacy, and clinical practice communities, as well as the general public, regarding the proposed framework for the FY27-FY31 NIH-Wide Strategic Plan.

Comments will be accepted until May 26. Click here to submit comments.

Events on Securing NIH Controlled-Access Data

NIH invites the extramural research community to attend a two-part virtual event focused on security expectations and best practices for protecting NIH controlled-access data. These sessions will provide important updates and practical guidance for institutions and researchers who manage or access NIH controlled-access data. The event is relevant to institutional officials and researchers working with NIH controlled-access data. Events take place April 13, 2026 (1:00–2:00 PM ET) and April 14, 2026 (3:00–4:00 PM ET). Read more and register.

Federal Notices
NOT-OD-26-064: Update of NIH Late Application Submission Policy and End of Continuous Submission

NOT-OD-26-058: Inviting Input on a Proposed Clinical Trial Specific Application Form

MEDIA
"H-1B Visa Restrictions Will Hurt America's Research Potential, Experts Say"

"What Trump's Proposed Budget Cuts From Higher Education And Research"

"Slasher sequel: Trump again proposes major cuts to US science spending"

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