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Academy Policy & Legislative Update

Dear Academy friends,

Track NIH extramural funding here.
Number of NIH Extramural Awards by Awarded Month
Value of NIH Extramural Awards by Awarded Month
Additional details on Active Funding by State and Active Projects by IC
"NIH staffing shortage could slash number of new grants issued this year"

**If you are expecting funding and have not received a response, let us know. The community is tracking these experiences, and reports can be shared confidentially.

JOIN THESE HEARINGS/DISCUSSIONS:
Thursday, May 21, 10 am ET
The Senate HHS Appropriations Subcommittee is holding a hearing with NIH Director Jay Bhattacharya, MD, along with 5 Institute and Center directors. This hearing will be a review of the President's FY27 budget request for NIH.

In addition to Dr. Bhattacharya, witnesses include:

- Dr. Richard Hodes, MD, *Director, National Institute on Aging*
- Dr. Anthony Letai, MD, PhD, *Director, National Cancer Institute*
- Dr. Griffin Rodgers, MD, MACP, *Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases*
- Dr. Joni Rutter, PhD, *Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences*
- Dr. Nora Volkow, MD, *Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse*

You can watch the live webcast here.

Thursday, May 21, 11am ET
Virtual Discussion with ARPA-H Leadership with Dr. Alicia Jackson, Director of ARPA-H, on Zoom. Dr. Jackson will share her vision and priorities. This discussion is open to the public, hosted by Research!America. Register here.

Friday, June 5, 8am ET
The markup of the House Labor-HHS bill, which provides funding for NIH, is scheduled for This date/time is subject to change. Click here for the livestream link.

Curious about the potential economic impact of the President's FY27 budget request? Click here to view the fact sheet.

Reintroduction of Cures Act to Ensure Funding for Biomedical Research
Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill) reintroduced the American Cures Act this week. This legislation aims to provide consistent, guaranteed funding to research institutions, including the NIH, by establishing mandatory funding. The goal of this act is to create steady growth for the biomedical research enterprise and avoid the uncertainty that comes with the standard appropriations process.

To read more, click here.

ARPA-H Programs & Funding Opportunities

- **Hearing Enhancement through ARtificially Intelligent NeurotechnoloGy** - RSVP to the June 8 Proposers' Day | In-person registration closes June 3 | Virtual registration closes June 5 | Solution Summary due June 29.
- **Small Business Program SBIR/STTR Proposers' Day** - RSVP to the June 11 virtual Proposers' Day | Registration closes June 9 | Solution Summary due July 10.
- **Intelligent Generator of Research** – Details on Proposers' Day coming soon | Solution Summary due June 25.

Administration Updates:

New guidance from NIH on the Collaborative International Research Project (PF5)
This project intends to support international research collaborations. Now that the NIH no longer accepts applications requesting funds for foreign components under the traditional grant subaward/consortium structure, the NIH will make domestic prime awards with independent foreign awards linked to the prime award.

Click here for the NIH guidance.
To learn more about the Collaborative International Research Project (PF5), click here.

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.

Why is advocacy important?

I am pleased to share the Academy advocacy video (linked here), featuring imaging researchers discussing the vital importance of their research and the critical impact of sustained federal investment in research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). **Please feel free to share this video!**

MEDIA

"My Son Never Turned 7. Because of Choice in Washington, Others Won't Either. | NYT Opinion"

"MIT says research has fallen 10%, and grad student enrollment is down"

"NIH staffing shortage could slash number of new grants issued this year"

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

Academy "Funding, Facts, and Follow Up" Emails. Monthly updates and funding opportunities: Click here to access an archive of the emails we send out, including our most recent.

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