

Conversation with Office of Science and Technology Policy Director



Mission:

To maximize the benefits of science and technology to advance health, prosperity, security, environmental quality, and justice for all Americans.

History:

Congress established OSTP in 1976 with a broad mandate to advise the President and others within the Executive Office on the effects of science and technology on domestic and international affairs. Congress also authorized OSTP to lead interagency efforts to develop and implement sound science and technology policies and budgets, and to work with the private sector, state and local governments, the science and higher education communities, and other nations toward this end.

Speaker:



Arati Prabhakar, Ph.D., is Director of OSTP and Assistant to the President for Science and Technology. She is the President's Chief Advisor for Science and Technology, a member of the President's Cabinet, and co-chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. In past roles, she served as director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and was the first woman to lead the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Also, she spent 15 years in Silicon Valley as a company executive and as a venture capitalist. In 2019, she founded Actuate, a nonprofit organization to develop new approaches to innovation for society's essential challenges.

Current Initiatives

In August 2022, OSTP released a memo providing guidance to federal agencies to ensure that federally funded research is publicly accessible.

In September 2022, the Biden Administration formally rechartered the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee (SBS) of the National Science and Technology Council.

In February 2023, OSTP announced the White House's priorities for mental health research.

President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST)

- PCAST and Advancing Public Engagement with the Sciences
- PCAST Learns About Recent Advances in the Behavioral and Social Sciences

FABBS Activities



- Response to an OSTP RFI on Clinical Research Infrastructure and Emergency Clinical Trials
- Memo to OSTP with recommendations to Biden Administration Transition Team
- Letter to Dr. Collins, Science Advisor to the President and former NIH Director, regarding the qualifications of the next NIH director
- Community Letter Response to OSTP RFI on Federal Evidence Agenda on LGBTQI+ Equity
- Community Letter to OSTP and NIH on integration of behavioral sciences in proposed ARPA-H