Advocacy Outlook

2024
FABBS is a coalition of scientific societies and university departmental affiliates that share an interest in advancing the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior. We communicate the importance and contributions of research in these areas to policy makers and the public.
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<td>President Submits Budget</td>
<td>FABBS works with coalitions to determine the community ‘ask’ the number that they will be encouraging Congress to appropriate for federal agencies supporting behavioral and brain sciences.</td>
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<td>Congress determines allocation for 12 appropriations subcommittees 302bs</td>
<td>Working with coalitions, FABBS signs letters to leadership and Budget committees advocating for strong allocations to subcommittees. Meet with committee staff to make the budget request.</td>
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<td>Members of Congress determine their funding priorities and have a variety of ways for communicating their priorities to Appropriators</td>
<td>Member requests - FABBS submits Member requests to 5 - 7 Congressional offices, asking MOCs to include key funding agencies in their priorities. Dear colleague letters - As co-chair of the Coalition for National Science Funding, FABBS help draft and circulates letters, seeking signatures. Report language</td>
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<td>Subcommittee hearings with agency leadership</td>
<td>Submit testimony Work with Congressional offices on questions for witnesses</td>
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### Appropriations Timeline

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<th>House and Senate Appropriations committees release budget proposals</th>
<th>FABBS, together with coalitions, respond to proposed budgets.</th>
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<td>House and Senate committees vote on budgets</td>
<td>FABBS communicates with committee staff and personal offices.</td>
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<td>Full House and Senate vote on budgets</td>
<td>FABBS monitors amendments and thanks offices for good ones and communicates concerns about amendments that negatively impact our disciplines.</td>
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<td>Office of Management and Budget begins developing budget for FY 2026</td>
<td>FABBS meets with OMB analyst to encourage strong funding for our disciplines.</td>
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<td>President releases Research and Development Priorities for FY 2026</td>
<td>FABBS underscores importance of behavioral and brain sciences to support Administration priorities.</td>
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<td>House and Senate conference on FY 25 budget</td>
<td>FABBS works with coalitions to support higher levels of funding for agencies of interest.</td>
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Coalitions

Leadership
- American Brain Coalition
- Coalition for National Science Funding
- Friends of NIAA
- Friends of NICHD
- Friends of NIMH
- Friends of NIH OBSSR

Members
- Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research
- Coalition for Health funding
- Coalition for National Security research
- Friends of the Institute of Education Science
- Friends of NIA
- Friends of NIDA
- Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention Research
## Federal Science Funding

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<th>FY22 Enacted</th>
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<th>FY24 Request</th>
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<td>Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health</td>
<td>$1.0 billion</td>
<td>$1.5 billion</td>
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<td>Institute of Education Sciences</td>
<td>$737 million</td>
<td>$808 million</td>
<td>$871 million</td>
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<td>National Institutes of Health</td>
<td>$45.0 billion</td>
<td>$47.5 billion</td>
<td>$48.6 billion</td>
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<td>National Science Foundation</td>
<td>$8.8 billion</td>
<td>$9.9 billion</td>
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Appropriations Legislation provides spending for the agencies and programs previously authorized.

Congress is not required to provide appropriations for an authorized discretionary spending program.

Congress may provide appropriations for programs or agencies whose authorization has lapsed.

Authorization

Establishes, continues, or modifies federal agencies or programs.

Often includes funding targets for an agency over a given time period.
Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Reauthorization

*Advancing Research in Education Act* introduced by Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) would modernize language to address changes in technology, data collection needs, and the issues impacting schools.

Invited input from the community in April 2023

Senate HELP Executive session on December 12, 2023
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Reauthorization

Senator Cassidy (R-LA), Ranking Republican on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, invited feedback on a comprehensive list of important questions regarding potential NIH reform. FABBS responded to this critical opportunity highlighting several key points and underscoring the integral role of NIH-supported behavioral science research.

• Reliable and sustainable increases to the NIH budget
• Maintain investment for fundamental science as determined by the peer review process
• Leverage the effective and efficient role of the Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research, citing two recent reports:
  ➢ Trans-NIH Research Opportunities in the Basic Behavioral and Social Sciences (May 2021)
  ➢ Integration of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) (May 2022)
Youth Mental Health Act

Introduced 10/17/2023
Cosponsors: 45

Introduced 10/17/2023
Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Katie Britt (R-AL)
Cosponsors: 1

This act would authorize $500 million from 2024 to 2028 for NIMH, NICHD, and NIMHD to collaborate on an initiative for research to improve youth mental health.
Elections

The House
• 435 Members of the House of Representatives
• All members serve the same two-year terms
• All members up for re-election
• Current predictions:
  ➢ Safe, likely, or leans Democratic: 203 seats
  ➢ Safe, likely, or leans Republican: 217 seats

The Senate
• 100 members of the Senate
• Six year, offset terms; 34 are up for election this year
• Republicans have a distinct advantage:
  ➢ Safe, Likely, Leans Democratic: 17
  ➢ Safe, Likely, Leans Independent: 2
  ➢ Safe, Likely, Leans Republican: 11
  ➢ Toss-up: 3
Key Retirements

- **Senate**
  - Tom Carper (D-DE)
  - Joe Manchin (D-WV)
  - Mitt Romney (R-UT)

- **House**
  - Kay Granger (R-TX) – Chair of House Appropriations Committee
  - Chairman Lucas, House Science Committee – reaching term limits for committee leadership
  - Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD) support for science and Census
  - Cathy McMorris Rogers (R-WA) - Chair of House Energy and Commerce Committee
Federal Agencies
Advanced Research Projects for Health (ARPA-H)

• FABBS has a three-pronged approach to ensuring that ARPA-H incorporates the behavioral and brain sciences

• Encourage experts to apply for the Program Manager position
  ➢ “Program Managers identify key problems in health today and envision revolutionary solutions that ensure equity and inclusivity”

• Embed behavioral and brain science experts to serve on committees that review PMs develop programs
  ➢ Developing a checklist for PMs to review so that brain and behavioral sciences are emphasized
  ➢ Presentation to OBSSR

• Identify researchers who can provide expertise for our sciences
  ➢ ARPA-H HEROES Program
National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- Engaging with Dr. Bertagnolli
- Clinical Trials – BESH registration flexibility will expire in September 2024
- NICHD Strategic Plan
  - FABBS conversation with Dr. Bianchi
- NIMH 75th Anniversary
- RFI: Strategic Plan for Data Science 2023-2028 (March 15)
Institute of Education Sciences (IES)

- Encouraged timely appointment of a new director
  - Director Mark Schneider’s term expires on March 24th

- Implementation of recommendations from the NASEM report
  - The Future of Education Research at IES: Advancing an Equity-Oriented Science (March 31, 2022)
  - The Future of Education Research at IES (March 31, 2022)
  - A Vision and Roadmap for Education Sciences (April 7, 2022)
National Science Foundation (NSF)

- Right size the SBE budget
- Encourage NSF to fill SBE leadership positions
- Continued implementation of CHIPS and Science Act
  - TIP Directorate
Administration Priorities
Biden Administration Priorities

• Office of Science and Technology Policy
  ○ Mental Health Research Agenda
    ⚫ Friends of NIMH Meeting on February 15
  ○ President's Council of Advisors in Science and Technology
    ⚫ Behavioral and Social Science Working Group
  ○ Open Access Guidance:
    ⚫ Removes paywalls for government-funded research findings

• Office of Management and Budget
  ○ Evidence-based Policymaking
THANK YOU!