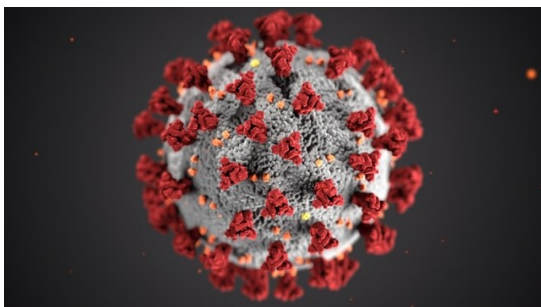


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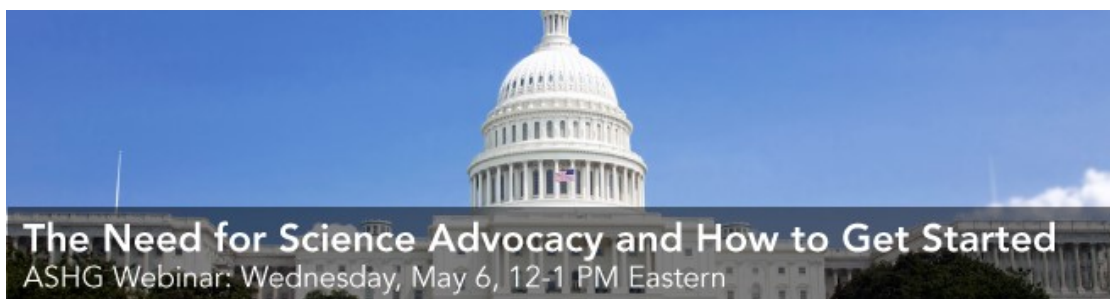
Congress Provides New Funding for NIH for Coronavirus Research



To help the fight against the coronavirus pandemic, Congress has allocated a total of about \$1.8 billion to the NIH for coronavirus-related research in two of its three spending packages. Please visit [ASHG's blog](#) for more details on the legislation.

The Society continues to communicate the value of funding biomedical research to Congress. ASHG President, Anthony Wynshaw-Boris, MD, PhD, recently submitted [written testimony](#) to Congress on behalf of the Society, advocating for increasing the NIH's budget. We also thank all of our ASHG Advocates for reaching out to their congressional representatives with the same message.

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The Need for Science Advocacy and How to Get Started
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New ASHG Perspective

ASHG PERSPECTIVE

Reproductive Choice and Research

Laws should recognize the reproductive rights of women—including the option to terminate a pregnancy—and their ability to advance medical research through the donation of fetal tissue for research.

ASHG has released a new [Perspective](#) in the latest issue of *The American Journal of Human Genetics (AJHG)*. The statement reaffirms ASHG's long-standing support of the reproductive rights of women—[originally stated in 1991](#). The Society also articulates its support for policies enabling human fetal tissue research, and has signed onto a [multi-society letter](#) to President Trump in support of lifting restrictions on research using fetal tissue. For more information, please visit [ASHG's blog](#).

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