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ADVOCATE UPDATE

August 2025

ASHG Updates

- Don't miss out on ASHG's 2025 annual meeting, held in Boston, MA from October 14 - 18! [Register](#) by September 9th before rates go up.
- We [responded](#) to a recent Executive Order (EO), "[Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking](#)," expressing concern about this EO's potential impact on scientific merit throughout the federal grantmaking process.
- We're thrilled to celebrate the 2025 ASHG Professional Award recipients, including ASHG's Government & Public Advocacy Committee chair Anthony Wynshaw-Boris, MD, PhD, this year's ASHG Advocacy Award recipient. View the [full list](#) and join us in recognizing each awardee.
- Check out our newest [advocacy fact sheet](#), highlighting the many advances and benefits that would not have been possible without public funding for human genetics and genomics research.
- Join ASHG and the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) on September 16th for a webinar on "Scientific Communication Beyond the Lab: Techniques for Clarity and Impact." [Register now](#) for this free event to discover how to tailor your message and style to truly connect with your audience!

August Recess Wrap-Up: What's Next for NIH Funding?



Congress will be back in Washington after the August recess soon, which means that the next phase of the FY26 budget negotiation process is about to start. Before recess, the Senate Appropriations committee [proposed](#) \$47.201 billion for NIH's base budget, a \$400 million increase compared to FY25. The House has yet to begin work on its version of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) spending bill, while the Senate's version is still awaiting a full chamber vote. The House Appropriations Committee is expected to mark up its LHHS bill in early September, and both chambers must reach an agreement by the end of FY25 on September 30. Your voice plays a vital role in advocating for strong and sustained funding for America's biomedical research enterprise. [Take action](#) using the button below and learn more about additional ways to get involved with our advocacy partners via [Research!America's August Advocacy Challenge](#).

Take Action Now!

Advocates Push for NIH Support



Last month, members of ASHG's Program Committee met with congressional offices on Capitol Hill to advocate for strong, bipartisan support for NIH funding. They spoke with staffers in offices representing districts across the nation--including Maryland, North Carolina, Alabama, Iowa, Michigan, and more--to share stories about the transformative impact of how federal investment in biomedical research drives scientific discovery, improves patient care, and bolsters local economies. As the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 rapidly approaches at the end of September, these valuable conversations aim to keep momentum going and ensure that lawmakers understand the importance of robust NIH funding for all.

In Other Policy News

- Register [here](#) for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) upcoming webinar, "Building Institutional Capacity for Public Engagement

- with Science," on Thursday, August 28, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm ET.
- [Register now](#) for the upcoming ELSI Friday Forum, "ELSI and the Sale of Genetic Data: The Case of 23andMe," which will be held on Friday, September 12, at 12 pm ET.
 - The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) [issued a new NIH funds brief](#) providing an overview of the status of unfunded grants and stalled progress across all geographic regions in the United States.
 - Research!America will be holding their 30th Annual National Health Research Forum soon, with [virtual sessions](#) on September 3 and 10, as well as an [in-person session](#) on September 17. Please note that separate registration is required for virtual and in-person programming.
 - NIH Director Jayanta "Jay" Bhattacharya, MD, PhD, [recently released a statement](#) outlining a new strategy for NIH, including updated priorities and additional oversight for funded research abroad.

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