

# Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up

October 21, 2019

Each week, the Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up will feature hashtags and/or tweets (follow us at [@fundNIH](#)) suggested by members of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) advocacy community. We encourage all readers who are active on social media to use these messages, and we welcome suggestions from the community for future issues of the Weekly Round Up. Here is this week's featured tweet:

## Research!America [@ResearchAmerica](#)

"Congress & the White House have 31 days to complete a budget that empowers medical progress. Don't wait: complete FY20 budget before 11/22. [#CRsStopProgress](#) [#FundScience](#) [@SpeakerPelosi](#) [@senatemajldr](#) [@SenSchumer](#) [@GOPLeader](#)"

## Senate Primed to Consider Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) [October 17 filed cloture](#) on the motion to proceed to two House-passed FY 2020 minibuses, with the intention of replacing the House text with Senate versions of the spending bills. H.R. 2740 includes the spending bills: Labor-HHS-Ed; Defense; State and Foreign Operations; and Energy and Water Development. The Senate failed to proceed on a motion to consider this package in early September. H.R. 3550 includes the spending bills: Commerce Justice, Science; Agriculture, Rural Development, and FDA; Interior; Transportation and Housing and Urban Development; and Military Construction and the Department of Veterans Affairs. All Senate versions of bills included H.R. 3550 passed unanimously out of the Senate Appropriations Committee, except for the Veterans Affairs spending bill which has not yet been introduced.

According to [CQ](#) (subscription required), the Senate is expected first to proceed with the domestic spending package, H.R. 3550, before moving to the Defense minibus which contains spending for the NIH.

## NIA Blog: Challenges of Waiting for a Final Budget

National Institute on Aging Director of Extramural Activities Robin Barr, PhD, October 16 [October 4 published a blog post](#) titled, "As the Budget Year Turns: Waiting is the Hardest Part." Dr. Barr reviews the on-time funding received by NIH in FY 2019, and then addresses the challenges NIA grantees must face as FY 2020 begins under a continuing resolution, including issuing awards at a pay line below what was indicated on the most recent Notice of Awards. Dr. Barr concludes by encouraging researchers to continue applying despite this time of uncertain funding.

## NCATS Requests Comments for Enhancing the CTSA Program

The NIH's National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) is [requesting information](#) about "how it can strengthen the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program to meet its broad scientific mission to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of clinical research and translational science." Areas for comment include barriers and solutions, workforce development, community engagement, and others. Comments must be [submitted online](#) by October 25.

## OSTP Seeks Input on the U.S. Bioeconomy

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) is seeking community input on the bioeconomy, which includes "the infrastructure, innovation, products, technology, and data derived from biologically-related processes and science that drive economic growth, promote health, and increase public benefit." Please visit the [Request for Information](#) to submit comments by October 22.

## Open Mike: New NIH Resource — The Open Citation Collection

In an October 16 *Open Mike* [blog post](#), NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research Mike Lauer, MD, discusses a new resource from the NIH [Office of Portfolio Analysis](#) to make citation data more comprehensive and accessible. Dr. Lauer covers the new, freely available NIH Open Citation Collection

(OCC), describing both the webtool [iCite](#) and the new OCC web interface. The post states that the new OCC resource collection "aims to reduce the costs of large-scale analyses of structured citation data," and "enhances the quality, robustness, and reproducibility of analyses using citation data," while increasing access to and transparency of the data.

### **NIGMS Issues Notice of Intent for MIRA Early Stage Investigators**

The NIH October 7 posted a [notice of intent](#) to publish a funding opportunity announcement for the National Institutes of General Medical Sciences's (NIGMS) Maximizing Investigators' Research Award (MIRA) for Early Stage Investigators (R35). The funding announcement is expected to be published in Spring 2020 and the first application due date is estimated to be in October 2020. The NIH October 11 also posted a [notice](#) that the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) is participating in the Maximizing Opportunities for Scientific and Academic Independent Careers (MOSAIC) Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity (K99/R00).

## **Upcoming Hill Briefings and Other Events**

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### **Congressional Briefing on Cancer Research — October 22**

Please join One Voice Against Cancer as they host a Congressional briefing titled, "Cancer Research: Challenges, Progress, and the Role of Cancer Registries." The briefing will take place on October 22 from 12:00-1:30pm in SVC 203-02. [Please see the attached flyer](#) for more information and [RSVP by Tuesday, October 15](#).

### **Congressional Briefing on Improving Minority Health Outcomes — October 23**

Please join Wayne State University in hosting a Congressional briefing titled, "Improving Health Outcomes for Minority Woman and their Children." The briefing will take place Wednesday, October 23, from 10:00am – 12:00pm in 122 Cannon House Office Building. Please [visit the event website](#) for additional information and to RSVP.

### **Congressional Briefing on Antimicrobial Resistance — October 24**

Join Research!America and the American Society for Microbiology as they co-host a Congressional briefing titled, "Leading the Charge Against Antimicrobial Resistance: Partnering to Meet the Challenge." The briefing will be held on October 24 from 12:00-1:00pm in 485 Russell Senate Office Building. Please [view the website](#) for additional details and to RSVP.

### **National Summit on Acute Pain Management — October 24**

The Illinois Surgical Quality Improvement Collaborative, based at Northwestern University will host the National Summit on Acute Pain Management on Thursday, October 24. The event will showcase how groups of physicians, payers, and quality improvement organizations can come together to improve health outcomes. The Summit will include an overview of the opioid epidemic, surgical overprescribing, the role of diversion and the importance of clinical guidelines; state-level examples of surgical opioid reduction initiatives; an insider's Washington update on what the United States Congress and Trump Administration are doing to fight opioid abuse; and more. To register please visit [acutepainsummit.org](#) or contact Jakara Eason at [jeason@vennstrategies.com](mailto:jeason@vennstrategies.com) if you have questions.

### **Congressional Briefing — Liver Cancer Drivers and Disparities — October 31**

Please join Global Liver Institute, American Gastroenterological Association, Hepatitis B Foundation, Hep B United, AAPCHO, NVHR, and NASTAD as they host a Congressional briefing titled, "Liver Cancer Drivers and Disparities." Learn from our nation's leading clinicians and patient advocates about the steps needed to combat the most rapidly rising cancer since 1980, and how response strategies must begin with modernizing the systems in place to better meet the needs of impacted populations. The briefing will be held Thursday, October 31, from 10:30am-12:00pm in 121 Cannon House Office Building. [Please see attached briefing flyer](#) for additional information, and RSVP to [ascott@globalliver.org](mailto:ascott@globalliver.org).

### **Congressional Briefing on Consequences of Disability Prejudice — November 5**

Please join the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues at a Congressional briefing titled, “Ableism: The Causes and Consequences of Disability Prejudice.” The briefing will take place on Tuesday, November 5, from 12:00-1:15pm in 2045 Rayburn House Office Building. [Please see the attached flyer](#) for additional detail, and RSVP to [Sarah Mancoll](#).

### **NIH Fall Regional Seminar — November 6-8**

The NIH is hosting the Fall 2019 NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration in Phoenix, AZ, from Wednesday, November 6 through Friday, November 8. [Visit the website](#) to learn more about the program and to [register](#).

### **Congressional Briefing on Thyroid Eye Disease — November 14**

Please join the Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (AEVR) as they host the first ever briefing on thyroid eye disease. The briefing will take place on Thursday, November 14, from 12:00-1:15pm in 2075 Rayburn House Office Building. [Please see the attached flyer](#) for additional details and RSVP to Dina Beaumont at 202-407-8325 or [dinabeau@aol.com](mailto:dinabeau@aol.com).

### **NCATS Workshop on Repurposing Off-Patent Drugs — December 5-6**

The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) is hosting the Cures Acceleration Network Review Board Workshop titled, “Repurposing Off-Patent Drugs: Research & Regulatory Challenges” on December 5-6, 2019 in Rockville, Md. The workshop will assess challenges around finding new uses for drugs that are already on the market but lack commercial and regulatory incentives for research and development. Please visit the [Federal Register notice](#) for additional information and to register by December 2.

## **Job Postings**

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### **HIVMA Clinical Fellowship Program Application Open**

The HIV Medicine Association awards grants to support one-year of HIV clinical training to up to two fellows per year. Grants are made to the institution to support the fellow’s stipend, to offset administrative costs, and to provide for additional educational opportunities. One of the program’s goals is to increase the diversity of the HIV clinical workforce particularly from populations and communities that have been disproportionately impacted by HIV. Physicians who are underrepresented in medicine or interested in working in the Southeastern US are strongly encouraged to apply. The application deadline is January 7, 2020. For more information, please contact [Asha Farrah](#) or [visit the fellowship website](#).

### **AAU Seeks Assistant/Associate VP for Federal Relations**

The Association of American Universities seeks applications for the position of Assistant/Associate Vice President for Federal Relations. This position reports to the Executive Vice President & Vice President for Federal Relations. Applicants should have: (1) strong leadership, advocacy, negotiating, analytic, strategic planning, and communication skills; (2) expertise and/or experience with federal research policy and funding issues, especially related to research sponsored by the National Science Foundation and NASA; (3) experience engaging with Congress, the Executive Branch, and/or policymakers at other levels of the federal government; (4) the ability to work effectively and collegially with representatives of member universities, other organizations, and coalitions; and (5) the ability to succeed in a dynamic, fast-paced work environment involving many individuals with different backgrounds and interests. To read a more detailed list of job duties please click [here](#). Applicants should submit [required materials](#) to [jobs@au.edu](mailto:jobs@au.edu) by October 28.

### **AACR Seeks Senior Manager, Congressional Relations**

The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) seeks an experienced professional to serve as Senior Manager of Congressional Relations in its Washington, DC office. This position plays an integral

role in advancing the AACR's science policy and advocacy work on Capitol Hill. The position assists the Associate Director of Congressional Relations in the communication of the AACR's policy priorities and positions to congressional offices, develops persuasive and informational materials, assists in the development and execution of advocacy strategies, and coordinates special events such as Capitol Hill lobby days and congressional briefings. For more information and to apply, please visit the [AACR Career Portal](#).

### **HCM Strategists Seeks to Fill Three Positions to Support the *All of Us* Research Program**

HCM Strategists seeks to fill three new positions to support our work as an engagement awardee to the National Institutes of Health *All of Us* Research Program, a historic effort to gather data from one million or more people living in the United States to accelerate research and improve health. HCM's engagement work is focused on ensuring that the *All of Us* participant community is reflective of the diversity of our country. We do this by reaching, educating and motivating communities historically underrepresented in biomedical research — directly and in partnership with key stakeholders and community influencers — to learn more about the program and enroll. [Please visit HCM's website](#) to learn more and apply for the Director, Stakeholder Engagement; Senior Associate, Community Engagement; and Project Manager positions.

### **FASEB Seeks Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Manager**

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) seeks an experienced professional to serve as Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives. The successful candidate will work across the FASEB departments and 29 member societies to implement FASEB's DEI Strategic Plan and the efforts of the DEI Committee. The DEI Manager will also play a critical role in outreach by establishing collaborations with FASEB member societies and related stakeholder organizations and contributing to FASEB communications activities. The position incorporates opportunities for highlighting DEI initiatives in FASEB's broader advocacy and policy efforts. More details are in the [position description](#) and the [application site](#).

### **FASEB Seeks Science Policy Analyst**

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology seeks a Science Policy Analyst to spearhead its efforts related to research workforce and career development. Excellent opportunity for someone transitioning from bench to Beltway! Please see the complete [position description](#), and visit [faseb.org/About-FASEB/Careers](http://faseb.org/About-FASEB/Careers) or email a cover letter, CV/resume, and policy-oriented writing sample to [resumes@faseb.org](mailto:resumes@faseb.org) to apply.

**Please Note:** If you have information of interest to the NIH advocacy community that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Group, please forward it to Christa Wagner at [chwagner@aamc.org](mailto:chwagner@aamc.org) or Tannaz Rasouli at [trasouli@aamc.org](mailto:trasouli@aamc.org).