Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up
December 5, 2022

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:

Association of American Universities @AAUniversities – December 2

Backed by @DeptVetAffairs & @ NIH, researchers @ BU_Tweets discovered a connection between DNA methylation signals of accelerated cellular aging & mental health conditions like PTSD, suggesting former service members with PTSD are at greater risk of early death. https://aau.edu/research-scholarship/featured-research-topics/warning-signs-early-death-found-veterans-severe-post

Congressional Leaders Hoping to Agree on FY23 Topline to Avoid Year-Long CR
Congressional leaders are working to negotiate an agreement on topline funding for the fiscal year (FY) 2023 appropriations bills with less than two weeks until the expiration of current government funding. President Joe Biden previously signed a continuing resolution (CR) into law on Sept. 30 that extended FY 2022 funding through Dec. 16. Biden hosted top House and Senate leadership at the White House on Nov. 29 to discuss end of year legislative priorities, including passage of FY 2023 spending bills. Following the meeting, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) addressed reporters, noting their preference to complete an omnibus appropriations bill by the end of the year rather than pass a full-year CR. Senate Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) reiterated the preference to finalize FY 2023 funding before the next Congress (refer to BGOV, subscription required).

House Democrats Elect 118th Congress Leadership
House Democrats elected Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) to be Minority Leader for the 118th Congress on Nov. 30, following current Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s (D-Calif.) announcement that she would not seek a leadership role in the next Congress. Jeffries is the first Black Member of Congress to lead either party. Also being elected to leadership roles were Katherine Clark (D-Mass.) as minority whip, Pete Aguilar (D-
Calif.) as Democratic Caucus chair, and current House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.) as assistant Democratic leader. Read more details on the votes in The Hill from Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

**House Republicans Release 2023 Legislative Calendar**

Incoming House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-La.) released the [2023 House of Representatives legislative calendar](https://www.rollcall.com) on Nov. 30. According to Roll Call, the calendar includes 117 days in session, with an extended August recess. Senate Democrats have not released their 2023 legislative calendar.

**NIH Advisory Committee to the Director Meeting – Dec. 8-9**

The Center for The NIH Advisory Committee to the Director will convene on Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Additional details are on the [Federal Register](https://www.federalregister.gov) and the [NIH ACD website](http://www.nih.gov), including an agenda with updates on ARPA-H, COVID-19, and proposed changes to peer review. The meetings will be broadcast live here: [Day 1](https://www.nih.gov), [Day 2](https://www.nih.gov).

**12 Days of Data Management and Sharing Tips & Resources**

The Center for NIH Office of Extramural Research staff posted several tips and resources on Nov. 28 related to the Jan. 25, 2023 implementation of the new NIH Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Policy. The post includes a brief overview of the policy, a related webinar series, sample DMS plans, and resources for implementing the new policy.

**Dr. Tabak: Statement on the Retirement of Dr. John Gall**

The Center for Larry Tabak, DDS, PhD, in performing the duties of the NIH Director, issued a [Dec. 1 statement](https://www.nih.gov) on the retirement of NIH Associate Director for Clinical Research and Chief Scientific Officer of the NIH Clinical Center John I. Gallin, MD. “He has played an instrumental role in developing the research portfolio for the NIH Clinical Center, the nation’s largest hospital devoted to clinical research, and training the next generation of clinical researchers,” Tabak noted. Gallin will retire on March 25, 2023, and the NIH is currently considering opportunities to utilize existing resources within the NIH Clinical Center and Office of Intramural Research to transition Gallin’s responsibilities.

**Upcoming Events**

**Call for Applications for HIV Clinical Fellowship Program – December 12**

HIVMA and the [IDSA Foundation](https://www.idsa.org) are accepting applications for the 2023-2024 HIV Clinical Fellowship training year. The fellowship program supports physicians who are not trained in infectious diseases to pursue one year of HIV clinical training under the mentorship of an HIVMA member at clinical sites serving medically underserved populations. Program and application requirements are on the [HIVMA website](https://www.hivma.org), including recommended competencies for HIV clinical fellows.

The application period will close Dec. 12. Read about current and past fellows. Email HIVMA staff with questions or for more information.

**NEW R!A Virtual Briefing: New Approaches to Address Obesity**
Please join Research!America for a virtual briefing on Wednesday, December 14, at 11 a.m. ET focused on new approaches to treating and living with obesity. Obesity is a common, serious, and costly disease that puts people at risk for many other chronic and potentially life-threatening conditions. Hear from our panel of experts as they discuss recent scientific discoveries that address comorbidities of obesity, including cardiovascular disease and diabetes, and advances that provide new tools and strategies for those living with this disease. Please come with questions for our interactive Q&A. Register and Learn More.

Nominations Open for the 2023 Golden Goose Awards – December 16
The Golden Goose Award honors federally funded researchers whose work may sound silly, odd, obscure, wasteful of taxpayer funding, or serendipitous, but has had a major positive impact on society. Follow this link to describe who you are nominating, why their work sounds odd or obscure, what impact the research has had, and which U.S. federal agency funded the work. Anyone can submit a nomination. Nominations will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year, but for the best chance to be considered for the 2023 award, submit by December 16, 2022.

Applications Open for Advocacy Certificate for Human Genetics and Genomics Trainees (ACGT) 2023 Cohort – January 6, 2023
Applications for the 2023 American Society of Human Genetics’ (ASHG) Advocacy Certificate for Human Genetics and Genomics Trainees (ACGT) Program are now open! This year-long program is designed for trainee ASHG members who are interested in pursuing a research or clinical career but would like to learn more about science policy and advocacy. Trainees will have the opportunity to develop professional skills and participate in several policy-related activities, including monthly training webinars and ASHG Hill Day.

This program is open to all ASHG trainee members (undergraduate or graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, or early career researchers) who are interested in policy and advocacy. Applications are due no later than 11:59 p.m. on January 6, 2023. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact policy@ashg.org.

NEW NIH Funding for Innovative Research and Capacity Building Efforts Related to Bioethics – Feb. 17, 2023
NIH, through the Office of Science Policy, announced the availability of administrative supplements to support research on bioethical issues that either inform future policy directions or augment bioethics research capacity. For more information, including special areas of interest and application instructions, please visit https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not-od-23-018.html. Applications will be accepted until 5:00pm (applicant local time) on February 17, 2023.

For more information on prior supplements, see here.

NIH COVID-19 Resources

NIH resources related to the RECOVER (Researching COVID to Enhance Recovery) Initiative.
**NIH COVID-19 resource for applicants and grantees** including guidance for various aspects of research and grant application processes, as well as FAQs and COVID-19 funding opportunities.

**COVID-19 “Updates History” webpage** that details relevant updates for applicants and grantees by date.

**Funding opportunities specific to COVID-19** lists active and expired funding opportunities across NIH related to SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 research.

**NIH COVID-19 Research Website** provides a central location for up-to-date information about NIH research and its strategic role in COVID-19 research.

**HHS COVID-19 awards tracking website** including data on awards made by all HHS awarding agencies with supplemental appropriations.

**Combat COVID website** including information for those who have never had COVID-19, have been infected, have recovered, and for health care providers.

### Job Postings

**NEW Public Health Analyst, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases**
The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Legislative Affairs and Correspondence Management Branch is seeking a Public Health Analyst. Duties include serving as expert analyst in developing, monitoring, implementing, and evaluating current or projected complex, interrelated public health programs; preparing directives, issuances, memoranda, policy statements, and legislative proposals; serving as a principal advisor in developing and formulating short and long range public health program goals, objectives, and policies; and more. Additional details are on the job posting which will be open until Dec. 9.

**Government Relations Paid Internship/Fellowship, VCU**
The Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Office of Government Relations is seeking a part-time paid federal relations intern/fellow. This position will start in January 2023 and earn $20/hour for approximately 10-15 hours per week. The position is designed to provide experience in legislative affairs, policy areas affecting universities and academic medical centers, and higher education advocacy. The successful candidate will work closely with the Senior Director of Federal Relations to educate policymakers on the priorities of VCU and VCU Health System while serving as a resource to senior leaders at VCU and VCU Health. Tasks may include tracking, researching, analyzing, and summarizing legislation and policy; drafting memos; drafting communications to federal officials and other stakeholders; preparing advocacy materials for senior VCU and VCU Health leaders; attending hearings and briefings; and other duties as assigned. Click here to learn more.

**Federal Advocacy Manager, Society for Neuroscience**
The Society for Neuroscience (SfN) is looking for a self-motivated and agile professional to support our Advocacy and Training function. The Advocacy Manager, under the Direction of the Advocacy and Training Director, manages the team charged with implementing the federal legislative campaigns of the organization that fight for robust and sustained funding for neuroscience, animal research and other policy priorities in the US. Additionally, this position will manage the Society’s grassroots advocacy efforts, working with the Director of Advocacy and Training and SfN leadership to identify advocacy opportunities on local, national and an international stage to engage SfN members around the globe to serve as effective and consistent Advocates. Click here to learn more.

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 or Tannaz Rasouli at trasouli@aamc.org.