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FEATURED NEWS

White House Releases STEM Education Strategic Plan

On December 4, the White House released [Charting a Course for Success: America's Strategy for](#)

[STEM Education](#), a strategic plan developed with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science and Technology Council Committee on STEM Education. The five-year strategic plan seeks to ensure all Americans have access to quality education in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Goals include building a strong foundation of STEM literacy, increasing diversity in STEM, and preparing the STEM workforce of the future. The plan lays out pathways to these goals, including developing strategic STEM partnerships, engaging students at the convergence of multiple disciplines, and advancing computational thinking. More information and [quick facts](#) about the plan are available on the White House's [website](#).

COSSA IN ACTION

December COSSA Headlines to Feature OBSSR Director

COSSA members are encouraged to sign up for the [monthly Headlines webchat](#) on December 13 a 2:00 PM Eastern, in which COSSA staff recap the most important social and behavioral science news from the past month and answer participants' questions. The December chat will feature a deep dive discussion with Dr. William (Bill) Riley, Director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), who will give an update on new initiatives at OBSSR and discuss the next steps for NIH's controversial clinical trials policy. Individuals employed by or affiliated with a [COSSA member organization or university](#) can register for the webchat [here](#).



CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Congress Passes Stop-Gap Spending Bill, Averting Partial Government Shutdown

On December 7, President Trump signed a two-week continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government open until December 21. As earlier reported, Congress accomplished more appropriations work on time than in recent years, including passing the notoriously controversial [Labor, Health and Human Services, Education appropriations bill](#), but the fiscal year (FY) 2019 funding for many agencies is still uncertain. Notably, the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations bill, which is responsible for funding the National Science Foundation and the Census Bureau, among other programs, is still pending; neither the House or Senate have taken up the bill outside of committee. House Republicans will be eager to finalize funding before the new Democratic-led House is seated in January, but controversial issues, including funding a wall on the US-Mexico border, may impede progress on FY 2019 funding. Read COSSA's full FY 2019 coverage [here](#).

House Republicans Announce Committee Leadership for the 116th Congress

House Republicans have begun to announce committee leadership appointments for the 116th Congress, following the loss of their majority in November's election. As a result of a historic number of Republican retirements, including nearly half of all committee chairs, and a loss of 40 House seats in the midterm election, there will be many new faces among Republican committee leadership in the new Congress. Notably for social science, Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK) will serve as the ranking Republican on the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and Kay Granger (R-TX) will be the ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee. Lucas has previously served as Vice Chair of the House Science Committee and

Granger previously led the powerful Defense subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

While House Democrats have yet to announce the official roster of committee chairs for the new congress, Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) is expected to take the gavel of the House Science Committee (and has already [announced her priorities](#)), and Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY) is expected to lead the House Appropriations committee. Appropriations subcommittee chairs and ranking members have not yet been announced.

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

NSF Releases FY 2019 Program Solicitation for Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has released a [revised solicitation](#) for the fiscal year (FY) 2019 grant competition for [Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier \(FW-HTF\)](#), one of NSF's [Ten Big Ideas](#). FW-HTF is a cross-directorate initiative, supported by the directorates for Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE), Education and Human Resources (EHR), Engineering (ENG), Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE), and the Office of Integrative Activities (OIA) that encourages integration and convergence of disciplines across all these fields. Through FW-HTF, NSF is responding to challenges and opportunities related to the changing landscape of jobs and work.

The overarching vision of this Big Idea is to support convergent research to understand and develop the human-technology partnership, design new technologies to augment human performance, illuminate the emerging socio-technological landscape, understand the risks and benefits of new technologies, understand and influence the impact of artificial intelligence on workers and work, and foster lifelong and pervasive learning. Proposals must focus on advancing fundamental understanding of future work, and potential improvements to work, workplaces, workforce preparation, or work outcomes for workers and society. It must be convergent research that addresses the technological as well as the human and societal dimensions and potential impact of future work. The full solicitation can be found on the NSF [website](#). The deadline for proposals is March 6, 2019.

Funding Opportunities

- NIH: [Predoctoral Training in Advanced Data Analytics for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research \(BSSR\) - Institutional Research Training Program \[T32\]](#) (Opens: April 25, 2019)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Core Research \(FW-HTF\)](#) (Closes: March 6, 2019)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Leveraging Health Information Technology \(Health IT\) to Address Minority Health and Health Disparities \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: March 4, 2019)
NSF: [Navigating the New Arctic \(NNA\)](#) (Closes: February 14, 2019)
- **NEW:** NIH/NIDA: [HEAL Initiative: Coordinating Center to Support NIDA Preventing Opioid Use Disorder in Older Adolescents and Young Adults \(ages 16-30\) Initiative \(Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (LOI Due: February 11, 2019, Closes: March 13, 2019)
- **NEW:** NIH/NIDA: [HEAL Initiative: Preventing Opioid Use Disorder in Older Adolescents and Young Adults \(ages 16-30\) \(Clinical Trial Required\)](#) (LOI Due: February 11, 2019, Closes: March 13, 2019)
- NSF: [Understanding the Rules of Life: Epigenetics](#) (Closes: February 1, 2019)
- **NEW:** NIH/NIDA: HEAL Initiative: Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN): [Clinical Research Centers \(Clinical Trial Optional\)](#), [Coordination and Translation Center \(Clinical Trial Optional\)](#), [Methodology and Advanced Analytics Resource Center \(Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (LOI Due: January 27, 2019, Closes: February 27, 2019)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Research Project Grant \(Parent R01 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required\)](#) (Opens: January 5, 2019)

- IRS Statistics of Income: [Joint Statistical Research Program](#) (Closes: December 31, 2018)
- NSF: [Understanding the Rules of Life: Building a Synthetic Cell](#) (Closes: December 28, 2018)
- **NEW:** NIH: Promoting Reductions in Intersectional StigMa (PRISM) to Improve the HIV Prevention Continuum ([R01 Clinical Trial Optional](#)), ([R21 Clinical Trial Optional](#)) (LOI Due: December 23, 2018, Closes: January 23, 2019)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- OHRP: [Draft Guidance Document: Activities Deemed Not To Be Research: Public Health Surveillance, 2018 Requirements](#) (Closes: December 19, 2018)
- Census: [Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; The American Community Survey](#) (Closes: December 17, 2018)
- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure \(Mid-scale RI\) Opportunities](#)

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** NSTC: [Charting a Course for Success: America's Strategy for STEM Education](#)

Open Positions

- NIH/NIDDK: [Program Director for Diabetes Behavioral Science](#)
- ERS: [Economic Research Service Administrator](#) (Closes: December 14, 2018)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- NEH: [Summer Programs for K-12 and Higher Education Educators](#) (Closes: March 1, 2019)
- FDA: [Tobacco Regulatory Science Fellowship](#) (Closes: March 1, 2019)
- GSA: [Office of Evaluation Sciences Fellowship](#) (Closes: December 30, 2018)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

Former Ag Statistics Head to Lead COPAFS

The [Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics](#) (COPAFS) has [announced](#) that Cynthia Z.F. Clark will serve as its next Executive Director effective December 3. Dr. Clark most recently led the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), one of two Department of Agriculture statistical agencies, from 2008 until 2014. She succeeds former Census Director John Thompson, who retired from the organization earlier this year. COSSA congratulates Dr. Clark on her appointment and looks forward to continuing to work closely with COPAFS on issues affecting federal statistical agencies.

Notices & Requests for Comment

- NASEM: [Committee on Assessing the Minerva Research Initiative and the Contribution of Social Science to Addressing Security Concerns: Call for Public Comments](#)

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Gulf War and Health: Volume 11: Generational Health Effects of Serving in the Gulf War](#)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- NEW: NASEM: [Gulf Research Program Science Policy Fellowship](#) (Closes: March 9, 2019)
- NEW: NASEM: [Gulf Research Program Early-Career Research Fellowship](#) (Closes: February 20, 2019)

COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Fellowships & Professional Development

- APA: [Congressional Fellowship](#), [Jacquelin Goldman Congressional Fellowship](#), and [Executive Branch Science Fellowship](#) (Close: January 6, 2019)
- AERA: [AERA Congressional Fellowship](#) (Closes: December 15, 2018)
- SRCD: [Federal](#) and [State](#) Policy Fellowships (Close: December 14, 2018)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting](#), January 2-6, 2019, New Orleans, LA
- [American Historical Association Annual Meeting](#), January 3-6, 2019, Chicago, IL
- [Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting](#), January 3-6, 2019, New York, NY
- [American Economic Association Annual Meeting](#), January 4-6, 2019, Atlanta, GA
- [Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting](#), January 16-20, 2019, San Francisco, CA
- [Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), January 17-19, 2019, Austin, TX

A list of COSSA members' annual meetings and other events can be found on the COSSA [events page](#). COSSA members who have an upcoming event they would like to see listed in the Events Calendar and on our website should send an email to jmilton@coffa.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This is the last issue of COSSA Washington Update of the year. We will resume our ongoing coverage of policy developments affecting the social and behavioral sciences on January 8. The COSSA staff wishes all of our readers a happy and healthy holiday season. See you in 2019!

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