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## New from COSSA

***Advocacy Day Spotlight: Early Bird Registration Ending Soon!***



Early bird registration for COSSA's tenth annual [Social Science Advocacy Day](#) is still OPEN! The event will be taking place April 8-9, 2024 in Washington, DC. Don't wait, register [here](#) before the price increases.

Social Science Advocacy Day is open to anyone affiliated with a [COSSA member organization](#) or university. Not a member? Learn how [here](#).

If your organization is interested in becoming a sponsor of Social Science Advocacy Day, learn more [here](#).

Visit the [COSSA website](#) for the latest information on Social Science Advocacy Day and to view the recording of the recent informational webinar.

Contact Elyse Bailey at [ebailey@coffa.org](mailto:ebailey@coffa.org) with any additional questions.

## Headlines Webinars Return on February 27



COSSA's [Headlines Webinars](#) have returned! For 2024, *Headlines* will feature discussions with leaders of federal science agencies, providing opportunities for the social and behavioral science community to learn about agency research programs, funding opportunities, and priorities.

The series kicks off this month with a discussion about the research and data activities within the National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics. RSVP and learn more [here](#).

*Headlines* is a webinar series available to COSSA [member organizations](#).

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## Congressional News

### Congress Balances FY 2024 Budget and Supplemental Funding Package as CR Deadline Approaches

[As previously reported](#), Congress is slowly inching closer to the end of their continuing resolution (CR) that expires on tiered deadlines in the first two weeks of March. While House Appropriations subcommittees have received their allocations for their respective bills, it's still unclear whether Congress will produce the required twelve bills by the deadlines, produce a large or partial omnibus package, or extend the current CR.

In past weeks, Congress has been working to pass a National Security supplemental funding package to provide aid to Ukraine, Israel, and the border crisis. However, this bill has been highly contentious and, while the Senate has passed a [version that does not include funding for the border](#), the House [unveiled their own funding package](#) on Friday. It's crunch time on Capitol Hill as Congress attempts to pass both the supplemental funding package and the fiscal year (FY) 2024 budget.

As for FY 2025, the Presidential Budget Request (PBR) is anticipated to be released March 11 following the Presidential State of the Union Address on March 7. Appropriators are expected to begin working on the twelve appropriations bills for FY 2025 following the release of the PBR. Appropriators will have to finalize FY 2024 numbers before starting the process for the FY 2025 budget.

Stay tuned to [COSSA's continued coverage](#) of the appropriations process.

### Science Committee Discuss Federal Agency Research Security Measures

On February 15, Congress held a Full Committee hearing on "[Examining Federal Science Agency Actions to Secure the U.S. Science and Technology Enterprise](#)," which addressed the balance between protecting the university research community from foreign interference while finding ways to ensure an environment free from bias and discrimination. The session brought together high-ranking officials and experts including Arati Prabhakar, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Dr. Rebecca Keiser, Chief of Research Security Strategy and Policy (NSF), Geri Richmond, Under Secretary for Science and Innovation (DOE), and Dr. Michael Lauer, Deputy Director for Extramural Research (NIH).

The hearing emphasized the need for agencies to create improved disclosure protocols to secure national research security facilities. This is crucial in the global economic competition, particularly with China. Witnesses highlighted the search for guidance in research security measures to protect the nation's research and development (R&D) and

innovation enterprises from foreign threats. NSF was noted for focusing on data security implementations and is in the process of developing an Information Sharing Analysis Center to protect research from inappropriate foreign interference.

There's a growing concern about adversaries taking pre-publication research and using it for military or civil purposes in adversarial nations. Moreover, the demonization of certain groups within the academic community has led to a chilling effect, impacting economic competitiveness by potentially discouraging valuable international collaboration.

One significant concern raised was the use of "comfort letters" by foreign institutions, which share information with American universities and government agencies that are demonstrably false, intended to mislead. Since 2018, NIH has received allegations involving 600 scientists, with findings showing that over 250 had likely concerns related to foreign intervention. Since the increase of disclosure requirements agencies have noted a substantial decrease in interventions.

This hearing highlighted the agencies' continued efforts towards striking a delicate balance in protecting the U.S. S&T enterprise against real and potential threats while maintaining an inclusive environment that fosters innovation and collaboration.

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## Executive Branch News

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: The National Medal of Science Nominations are Open**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has officially announced the Call for Nominations for the National Medal of Science.

The [National Medal of Science](#) is the highest recognition the nation can bestow on scientists and engineers. The presidential award is given to individuals deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical, engineering, or social and behavioral sciences, in service to the Nation.

Nominate colleagues and peers who have made extraordinary contributions that have advanced the scientific enterprise. Nominations are due by May 3. Learn more about the nomination and review process [here](#).

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## Science Community News

### **CNSTAT Releases Third Data Infrastructure Report in Series Intended to Modernize Data Collection**

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAEM) Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) has released its third and final report in an ongoing series of data infrastructure reports intended to modernize and enhance data collection ([previous COSSA coverage](#)).

This latest report, [Toward a 21st Century National Data Infrastructure: Managing Privacy and Confidentiality Risks with Blended Data](#), builds off the previous two reports on mobilizing data and blending data from various sources by addressing concerns about mitigating privacy and confidentiality risks within the data infrastructure. The report provides potential policy approaches to protecting data privacy as well as a suggested framework for agencies to use. The report also acknowledges that further research is necessary on this topic to better understand how to protect data privacy in the modern world.

## OPPORTUNITY: FY 2025 Funding Request for NIH

COSSA, a member of the steering committee of the [Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research](#), has signed on in support of a funding request of “at least \$51.303 billion” for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in fiscal year (FY) 2025. The request would represent a \$3.579 billion or 7.5% increase over the level included in the [Senate bill](#) for FY 2024.

Other organizations wishing to lend their support to the NIH funding request for FY 2025 are encouraged to [sign-on](#) by March 1.

### Resources & Opportunities

#### COSSA Letters & Statements

- **NEW:** 02/07/2024: [Friends of Justice Research & Statistics Letter Urging Congress for the Highest Funding Level in the FY 2024 CJS Bill for the NIJ and BJS](#)

#### Nomination Opportunities

- [2024 AAPOR Awards](#) (Closes: February 21, 2024)
- **NEW:** NSF: [The National Medal of Science](#) (Closes: May 3, 2024)

#### Funding Opportunities

- NIH: Research on Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Wellbeing, Illness, and Recovery ([R01 BESH Required](#)) ([R01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed](#)) ([R01 Clinical Trial Required](#)) (Closes: June 22, 2024)
- **NEW:** NSF: [General Social Survey Competition](#) (Closes: June 3, 2024)
- NIH: HHS Career Enhancement Award to Advance Research on Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention ([K18 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed](#)) ([K18 Independent Clinical Trial Required](#)) (Closes: March 16, 2024)
- NIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Validation of Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence Tools for Improved Assessment in Epidemiological, Clinical, and Intervention Research](#) (Closes: March 9, 2024)
- NIH: [Transformative Research to Address Health Disparities and Advance Health Equity](#) (Closes: February 22, 2024)
- NSF: [Growing Research Access for Nationally Transformative Equity and Diversity \(GRANTED\)](#) (Rolling Deadline)

#### Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Request for Information for defense-related STEM activities at minority institutions](#) (MIs) (Closes: February 22, 2024)
- EPA: [Seeks Public Comment on Draft Scientific Integrity Policy](#) (Closes: February 23, 2024)
- Dept. of Education: [Request for Information: Regarding Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Needs in Higher Education](#) (Closes: February 25, 2024)
- NIJ: [Call for Lightning Talk and Poster Submissions: 2024 Research Conference](#) (Closes: March 1, 2024)

#### Notices, Resources, & Reports

- NIH: [Report of the Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health: Fiscal Years 2021–2022](#)
- **NEW:** NSF: [National Science Board's Public Trust in Science](#)

#### Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- [NIJ FY 2024 Graduate Research Fellowship](#) (Closes: April 10, 2024 and April 17, 2024)
- APA: [Leadership and Education Advancement Program \(LEAP\) for Diverse Scholars](#) (Closes: March 17, 2024)
- AWIS: [Advancing Women in Science 2024 Scholarships](#) (Closes: February 29, 2024)
- NIJ: [Social Science Research Analyst](#) (Closes: February 21, 2024)
- Pathways to Science: [Paid Summer Research Programs](#) (Ongoing)
- [Program Director for the Social Psychology Program](#) within the SBE Directorate (Open until Filled)
- [Program Director for the Human Networks and Data Science \(HNDS\) Program](#) in the BCS Division within the SBE Directorate (Open until Filled)

## Upcoming Events

- NSF: [National Science Board Meeting](#), February 21-22, 2024, Alexandria, VA and Virtual
- [81st Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference](#), April 4-7, 2024, Chicago, IL
- [COSSA's 2024 Social Science Advocacy Day](#), April 8-9, 2024, Washington, DC
- [2024 AERA Annual Meeting](#), April 11-14, 2024, Philadelphia, PA
- [2024 College of Behavioral and Social Sciences' \(BSOS\) Showcase on Inequality Research](#) at the University of Maryland, May 2, 2024, College Park, MD
- [SRCD Anti-Racist Developmental Science Summit: Transforming Research, Practices, and Policies](#), May 15-17, 2024, Panama City, Panama
- **NEW:** [The State of the Science Address](#), June 26, 2024, Washington, DC

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 [ebailey@coffa.org](mailto:ebailey@coffa.org).

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#### About COSSA

*The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) is a nonprofit advocacy organization working to promote sustainable federal funding for and widespread use of social and behavioral science research and federal policies that positively impact the conduct of research. COSSA serves as a united voice for a broad, diverse network of organizations, institutions, communities, and stakeholders who care about a successful and vibrant social science research enterprise. The COSSA membership includes professional and disciplinary associations, scientific societies, research centers and institutes, and U.S. colleges and universities.*

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