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New from COSSA

Advocacy Day Spotlight: Registration to Close Soon!



Time is running out to register for COSSA's tenth annual [Social Science Advocacy Day](#). Sign up [here](#) before registration closes!

Social Science Advocacy Day will be taking place April 8-9, 2024 in Washington, DC and 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](#).

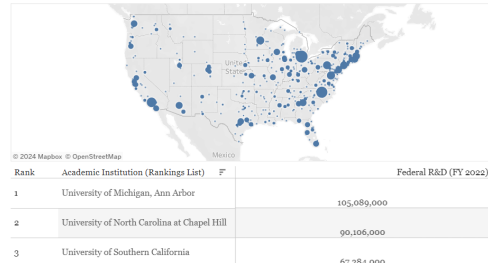
Visit the [COSSA website](#) for the latest information on Social Science Advocacy Day and to view the recording of the recent informational webinar.

COSSA Releases 2024 College & University Rankings for Social & Behavioral Science R&D Funding

On March 13, COSSA released its annual [College and University Rankings for Federal Social and Behavioral Science R&D](#), which highlight the top university recipients of research dollars in the social and behavioral sciences. COSSA's website also features a rankings dashboard with an interactive map of recipients of social and behavioral science R&D funding so you can see how your university stacks up among U.S. institutions. More edits will come to the dashboard over the coming weeks, so be sure to check back for new features.

College & University Rankings

By Federal Social and Behavioral Science R&D Funding (FY 2022)



Based on federally collected data, the COSSA rankings use an inclusive selection of fields representing the breadth of the social and behavioral sciences to calculate the total federal R&D funding received by universities in the social and behavioral sciences. The 2024 rankings reflect spending from fiscal year 2022, the most current available data. More information on how we produce our rankings is available on our website.

TOP 10 RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL SOCIAL SCIENCE R&D (2024):

1. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (MI) - \$105,089,000 (#1 in 2023)
2. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (NC) - \$90,106,000 (#2 in 2023)
3. University of Southern California (CA) - \$67,284,000 (#3 in 2023)
4. University of Maryland (MD) - \$48,084,000 (#4 in 2023)
5. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (MN) - \$46,646,000 (#5 in 2023)
6. Pennsylvania State University, University Park and Hershey Medical Center (PA) - \$46,413,000 (#6 in 2023)
7. Harvard University (MA) - \$40,928,000 (#7 in 2023)
8. Arizona State University (AZ) - \$35,874,000 (#8 in 2023)
9. University of Georgia (GA) - \$35,857,000 (#16 in 2023)
10. New York University (NY) - \$35,457,000 (#12 in 2023)

REGISTER NOW: Headlines Webinars continue March 27



COSSA's 2024 [Headlines Webinar](#) series will continue to 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.

Upcoming Webinars:

- **March 27** will be the next webinar, featuring a discussion about the research and education programs and priorities of the STEM Education Directorate at the National Science Foundation. RSVP and learn more [here](#).
- **April 23** will feature a discussion about the research programs and priorities of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at the National Institutes of Health. Save the date! RSVP and additional details to come.

Did you miss February's webinar? You can [watch the recording now](#) to catch up on our discussion about the research and data activities within the National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics.

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

Congressional News

Congress Works to Finalize FY 2024 Budget, Looking Forward to FY 2025

The first six of the twelve annual appropriations bills for fiscal year (FY) 2024 were passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden last week. As previously reported, this included funding for the National Science Foundation, Census Bureau, National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, and other federal agencies and departments. The bills resulted in funding cuts across all agencies, including the National Science Foundation which received an 8.2 percent cut from FY 2023. COSSA's in-depth analysis for these bills can be found [here](#).

(in millions)	FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Budget Request	FY 2024 Senate	FY 2024 House	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2024 vs. FY 2023
National Science Foundation	9874.0	11354.7	9500.0	9630.1	9060.0	-8.2%
Bureau of Economic Analysis	140.9	154.0	130.0	116.0	125.0	-3.8%
Census Bureau	1505.5	1606.0	1501.0	1354.0	1382.0	-6.9%
Bureau of Justice Statistics	42.0	78.0	35.0	42.5	35.0	-16.7%
National Institute of Justice	35.0	63.0	25.0	35.5	30.0	-14.3%

The remaining six bills have a deadline of Friday, March 22, leaving only a few days for Congress to finalize the FY 2024 process or risk a government shutdown. These bills include funding for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Education, Department of Labor, and other agencies and departments. Should Congress pass its bills by the deadline, it will conclude the protracted FY 2024 appropriations process, nearly six months into the fiscal year that began on October 1, 2023. Like the first six bills, we expect the second package to also include budget cuts for the FY 2024. [Watch](#) for COSSA's final reporting on the FY 2024 appropriations bills.

The [Biden Administration's budget request for FY 2025](#), the fiscal year that will begin this fall, was recently released. The budget identifies several cross-government priorities for the President, including lowering prices and improving access of healthcare; lowering childcare, housing, and education costs; investing in workers, specifically targeting STEM professionals, and creating jobs; promoting climate change solutions; ending gender-based violence; and more. COSSA [will release an in-depth analysis](#) on key agencies of importance to the social and behavioral science community. See below for a preview of the Administration's budget request:

(in millions)	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 President's Request	FY 2025 Request vs. FY 2024
National Institutes of Health	n/a	50132.0	n/a
National Science Foundation	9060.0	10183.0	12.3%
Department of Defense Basic Research	n/a	2500.0	n/a
Census Bureau	1382.0	1577.7	14%
Institutes of Education Sciences	n/a	815.4	n/a
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	n/a	387.0	n/a
Bureau of Justice Statistics	35.0	42.0	20%
National Institute of Justice	30.0	35.0	16.7%

As always, when considering an Administration's budget proposal, it is important to remember that it remains a largely symbolic policy document that outlines the Administration's priorities for the year ahead. While it is possible that some of the President's requests will be enacted, Congress has the final say over the appropriation of funds. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees will soon set their own spending parameters for each of the 12 annual appropriations bills, which may or may not be able to

accommodate all the President's prioritized investments. Congress will also begin to hold hearings with the individual agencies to discuss their budget requests.

[Stay tuned](#) to COSSA's reporting to get all the details about FY 2024 and FY 2025 science funding.

Executive Branch News

The State of U.S. Science and Engineering 2024 Released

The National Science Board recently released their [The State of U.S. Science and Engineering 2024](#). The Science and Engineering Indicators report summarizes the status of the science and engineering enterprise within the United States, examining the country's overall position in the global landscape. This is sourced from nine thematic reports, organized into three main sections—talent, discovery, and translation. These three components collectively support U.S. global competitiveness in science, technology, and innovation (STI), in that science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) talent contributes to scientific discovery, which in turn is translated to society and the economy through innovation.

The report sheds light on the integral role of STEM talent as a driving force for scientific discovery, which is crucial for innovation that benefits society and the economy. However, the findings also point to areas of concern that demand attention. One notable finding is the decline in mathematics performance among elementary and secondary students following the COVID-19 pandemic. The average mathematics scores for fourth and eighth graders have plummeted, reaching levels not seen in two decades. This downturn poses significant implications for the future STEM talent pool and raises questions about the long-term effects of the pandemic on educational outcomes.

Additionally, it underscores the importance of a robust educational foundation in mathematics and science for maintaining the nation's innovative edge. The decline in student performance is a sober reminder of the vulnerabilities in the educational system and the need for strategic interventions to support and revitalize STEM education across the country.

The Science and Engineering Indicators report provides insights into the current status and potential future of the U.S. science and engineering sectors. In efforts to ensure that the United States continues to nurture its talent, foster discovery, and translate scientific and engineering advancements into societal and economic benefits.

CALL FOR COMMENTS: New Executive Order Targets Protection of Americans' Data from Foreign Threats

On February 28, the White House issued an Executive Order (EO) titled "Preventing Access to Americans' Bulk Sensitive Personal Data and United States Government-Related Data by Countries of Concern." This EO seeks to safeguard the privacy of American citizens and the integrity of government data against foreign exploitation.

Under this guidance, the Attorney General is mandated to formulate regulations that will restrict transactions involving sensitive American data and government-related information, particularly when transactions involve foreign countries or nationals identified as posing security threats. This regulatory framework is aimed at curbing the potential for adversaries to exploit personal and governmental data for nefarious purposes.

In an effort to ensure a well-rounded approach to this critical issue, the National Security Division has announced an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM). This announcement is a call to the public for comments on various aspects of implementing the Executive Order.

Stakeholders, ranging from private citizens to corporations, are encouraged to contribute

their perspectives and insights on how best to protect sensitive personal and government data from foreign threats.

Interested parties are invited to submit their comments by April 19, 2024. Submissions can be made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal [here](#).

Science Community News

COSSA Remembers Dr. Norman B. Anderson



COSSA mourns the passing of Norman B. Anderson, PhD, who died unexpectedly on March 1. Dr. Anderson, a clinical psychologist renowned for his research on racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic health disparities, has left an indelible mark on the social and behavioral science community through his leadership, scholarship, and wisdom.

Among his many leadership posts, Dr. Anderson served as the inaugural Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) from 1995 to 2000. In this role, he championed the inclusion and integration of the social and behavioral sciences across the NIH, laying the groundwork for many of the programs and initiatives existing today. Dr. Anderson also served as the first African American and second longest CEO of the American Psychological Association, a COSSA founding member. His leadership across the science advocacy community is deeply missed.

A remembrance from his home institution, Florida State University, is available [here](#).

Image: Norman Anderson at the 2000 COSSA Annual Meeting

COSSA Member Spotlight

AEA to Host Summer Evaluation Institute

The [American Evaluation Association](#) (AEA) has opened registration for the Summer Evaluation Institute which will take place June 26-28 at the Washington Hilton in Washington, DC. The Summer Evaluation Institute offers development workshops for all experience levels of evaluators as well as applied researchers, grantmakers, foundation program officers, nonprofit administrators, and social science students.

More information about the event can be found [here](#). Any questions can be directed to education@eval.org.

AEA is a COSSA member organization. All COSSA members can receive a 10% discount on general registration costs with the code SUM_COSSA24.

AAPSS Announces 2024 Academy Fellows

On March 13, The American Academy of Political and Social Science (AAPSS) [announced](#) that they will welcome eight new scholars as 2024 fellows this fall. AAPSS is a COSSA member organization.

Every year, the AAPSS selects a small group of scholars and public intellectuals to become fellows of the academy, recognizing their contributions to social science and the extent to which their work has deepened public understanding of social dynamics. The 2024 Fellows of the AAPSS are as follows:

- Jason DeParle, senior writer for *The New York Times*.
- John T. Jost, Professor of Psychology and Politics and codirector of the Center for Social and Political Behavior at New York University.
- Tracey Meares, Professor of Law at Yale Law School and founding director of the Justice Collaboratory.
- Samuel L. Myers, Jr., Professor of Economics and director of the Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice at the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.
- Betsy Levy Paluck, Professor of Psychology and Public Affairs at Princeton University.
- Dietram A. Scheufele, Chair in Science Communication and Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.
- Florencia Torche, sociologist and Dunlevie Family Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences at Stanford University.
- Janelle Wong, director of the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Maryland, where she is also a professor of American studies, government, and politics.

Read the full announcement [here](#).

Resources & Opportunities

COSSA Letters & Statements

- **NEW:** 03/08/2024: [Friends of Justice & Research Statistics FY 2025 Stakeholder Recommendation for BJS & NIJ](#)
- **NEW:** 03/08/2024: [Coalition for National Science Funding \(CNSF\) Letter to the House on FY 2025 Funding for the National Science Foundation](#)
- **NEW:** 03/08/2024: [Coalition for National Science Funding \(CNSF\) Letter to the Senate on FY 2025 Funding for the National Science Foundation](#)
- **NEW:** 03/09/2024: [Analysis of Final FY 2024 Appropriations for Federal Science Agencies- PART I](#)

Nomination Opportunities

- NASEM: [2024 Eric and Wendy Schmidt Awards for Excellence in Science Communications](#) (Closes: March 31, 2024)
- 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)
- NSF: [General Social Survey Competition](#) (Closes: June 3, 2024)
- NSF: [Growing Research Access for Nationally Transformative Equity and Diversity \(GRANTED\)](#) (Rolling Deadline)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Funding Opportunities for Science and Engineering Research with Impact on Women's Health](#)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- **NEW:** DOJ: [Seeking Comments Regarding Access to Americans' Bulk Sensitive Personal Data and Government-Related Data by Countries of Concern](#) (Closes: April 19, 2024)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- NASEM: [Developing an Agenda for Population Aging and Social Research in Low- and Middle-Income Countries \(LMICs\)](#)
- **NEW:** NSB: [The State of U.S. Science and Engineering 2024](#)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- [Apply for a Student Travel Scholarship](#) to attend the NIJ Research Conference (April 22, 2024)
- [NIJ FY 2024 Graduate Research Fellowship](#) (Closes: April 10, 2024 and April 17, 2024)
- Pathways to Science: [Paid Summer Research Programs](#) (Ongoing)
- [American Political Science Association \(APSA\) Executive Director](#) (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

- **NEW:** SRCD: [How to Build Relationships with Policymakers Webinar Series](#), April 2-16, 2024, 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
- [The State of the Science Address](#), June 26, 2024, Washington, DC
- **NEW:** AEA: [Summer Evaluation Institute](#), June 26-28, 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@cossa.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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