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New from COSSA

Catch Up on COSSA's NIH Town Hall Webinar



Did you miss COSSA's NIH Town Hall webinar? You can [watch the recording now](#) to catch up on our informal conversation about recent developments and the frameworks currently proposed for the NIH. Slides are also available.

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

Congressional News

Congress Seeks to Pass CR to Avoid Government Shutdown; Both Chambers Drafting Legislation

With the looming appropriations deadline only two weeks away, Congress is working to pass a continuing resolution (CR) to prevent a government shutdown. As [previously reported by COSSA](#), while the House and Senate both began drafting their appropriations bills (see [COSSA's analysis](#) of the House and Senate bills) with the House managing to pass five of their bills on the House floor while the Senate only advanced their respective bills through the Senate Appropriations Committee, both chambers have since turned to drafting CR legislation.

Last week, House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) unveiled a six-month CR with House-passed legislation, the [SAVE Act](#) (HR 8281), seeking to require proof of U.S. citizenship to vote during federal elections. However, while the bill was originally scheduled to be voted on September 11, it was pulled from the House floor due to insufficient support. The House is expected to continue seeking support for their CR bill while the Senate is expected to unveil their respective bill later this week. With Congress departing for the campaign trail soon, it's crunch time on the hill to avoid a government shutdown prior to the end of the fiscal year on September 30.

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

House Science Committee Unanimously Passes Bill to Update Research Security Language in CHIPS & Science Act

On September 9, the House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill to clarify language regarding research security in the [CHIPS & Science Act](#) enacted in 2022 ([see previous COSSA coverage](#)). [H.R. 7686](#), led by Representative Mike Garcia (R-CA) and co-led by Representative Haley Stevens (D-MI), seeks to protect university funding from foreign adversaries through clarifying the definition of “malign foreign talent recruitment programs.” Chairman Frank Lucas (R-OK) supported the bill, citing that “research theft is one of the single greatest threats to our competitiveness as a nation” with Ranking Member Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) agreeing that the bill “reflects our committee’s good faith deliberations around how to protect our nation’s research enterprise.”

The bill text can be found [here](#) and will require passage in the Senate before becoming law.

Executive Branch News

Request for Input: NSF Seeking Input on Research Ethics

Earlier this month, the National Science Foundation (NSF) issued a [Dear Colleague Letter](#) requesting public input into the agency’s efforts to “incorporate ethical, social, safety, and security considerations into the merit review process” as required by the [CHIPS and Science Act of 2022](#). Section 10343 of the CHIPS Act states, “a number of emerging areas of research have potential ethical, social, safety, and security implications that might be apparent as early as the basic research stage...[T]he incorporation of ethical, social, safety, and security considerations into the research design and review process for Federal awards may help mitigate potential harms before they happen.”

The Request for Information (RFI) contains several guiding questions to assist with public response, such as: “Describe ethical, social, safety, and/or security risks from current or emerging research activities that you believe might be of concern to the community, profession, or organization with which you are connected,” and “How might NSF work with

stakeholders to promote best practices for governance of research in emerging technologies at every stage of research?”

Comments are sought by November 15 and should be submitted through an [online form](#).

Science Community News

DBASSE Hosts Second Webinar in 2024 Spring Hauser Webinar Series

On July 25, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine’s Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE) hosted the second webinar in their Hauser 2024 Spring Webinar Series titled, [The Hauser Policy Impact Fund Webinar Series: Navigating the Era of Artificial Intelligence Part 2: The Role of Social Sciences](#). This webinar hosted a diverse panel of researchers on the importance of social science research while developing artificial intelligence (AI) and the role of policymakers in understanding AI’s potential benefits and harms.

The panelists focused on AI as a tool to enhance human capabilities, the context in which AI is deployed, and how AI can address diversity challenges and improved learning for traditionally marginalized groups. The panelists focused on specific contexts or studies in which AI was deployed to enhance human intelligence and learning capacities in legal offices, classrooms, controlled experiments, and more. The panelists used these findings to suggest policy implications and recommend that AI needs to be tested in low stakes situations before being implemented, and that “AI literacy” should be implemented in educational settings. Further, they emphasized the importance of human contributions to AI and called for the continued funding of AI research by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

This article was contributed by COSSA Intern Paige Kirkham.

Currently Listening: The Nation’s Data at Risk, with Connie Citro



In a new episode of the [Cross Tabs podcast](#), a senior scholar at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAEM) Connie Citro discusses the findings from the recent report, “[The Nation’s Data at Risk](#),” which assesses the health of federal statistical agencies. Citro explains the historical development of these agencies, their importance in providing reliable data for both public and private sectors, and the potential consequences of underfunding and political interference. The report is a product of the American Statistical Association, a COSSA governing association. Listen [here](#).

COSSA Member Spotlight

Kimberly A. Mealy Appointed as the Next Executive Director of the American Political Science Association

On August 30, the American Political Science Association (APSA) [announced](#) that Dr. Kimberly A. Mealy has been appointed as the next Executive Director of the organization, effective September 16, 2024. Dr. Mealy previously served as Senior Director, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Strategic Initiatives at APSA.

Mealy will be responsible for developing and implementing the strategic mission and vision of the association and overseeing the day-to-day operations of APSA. COSSA looks

forward to working with Dr. Mealy and thanks past-Executive Director Steven Rathgeb Smith for his service. APSA is a COSSA governing organization. Read more about the appointment [here](#).

Social Science Advocacy Day 2025 News

COSSA's annual [Social Science Advocacy Day](#) will be taking place March 24-25, 2025 in Washington, DC! This signature, members-only event brings together social and behavioral science researchers, faculty, students, association professionals, and other advocates from across the country to meet with their elected officials in Congress to discuss the value of our sciences and the importance of federal funding.

Early bird registration will be here before you know it! Until then, mark your calendars and share this exciting opportunity with your colleagues.

Visit the [COSSA website](#) for the latest information on Social Science Advocacy Day.

Resources & Opportunities

COSSA Letters & Statements

- 08/02/2024: [Analysis of the FY 2025 Senate Appropriations Bills for Federal Science Agencies](#)

Nomination Opportunities

- [AAG Honors](#) (Closes: September 30, 2024)
- **NEW:** AAPSS: [The Moynihan Prize](#) (Closes: November 1, 2024)
- NSF: [Advisory Panel Call for New Members](#) (Ongoing)

Funding Opportunities

- NIGMS: [Research on Behavioral Interventions That Promote Careers in the Biomedical Research Enterprise](#) (Closes: October 17, 2024)
- NSF: [Growing Research Access for Nationally Transformative Equity and Diversity \(GRANTED\)](#) (Rolling Deadline)

Requests for Comment & Calls for Papers

- NSB-NSF: [Request for Information to inform the NSF's Merit Review criteria, policy, and processes](#) (Closes: September 20, 2024)
- **NEW:** NICHD: [Request for Information: NICHD Strategic Plan 2025](#) (Closes: September 27, 2024)
- MPSA: [Call for Conference Proposals](#) (Closes: October 8, 2024)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Request for Information on the Chips and Science Act Research Ethics](#) (Closes: November 15, 2024)

Notices, Resources, & Reports

- **NEW:** NASEM: [International Talent Programs in the Changing Global Environment](#)
- **NEW:** GAO: [Artificial Intelligence: Agencies Are Implementing Management and Personnel Requirements](#)
- **NEW:** Department of the Interior: [Scientific Integrity Updated Policies](#)

Open Positions, Fellowships, & Professional Development Opportunities

- NASEM: [Call for Experts for AI and Climate Change Roundtable](#) (Closes: October 1, 2024)
- **NEW:** [CASBS Stanford Fellowships](#) (Closes: November 1, 2024)
- National Cancer Institute (NCI): [Chief of the Health Behaviors Research Branch](#) (Ongoing)
- NSF: [Science Advisor for Public Access](#) (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:** [Golden Goose Award Ceremony](#), September 24, 2024, Virtual and Washington, DC
- **NEW:** OBSSR: [NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Festival](#), November 6-7, 2024, Virtual and Bethesda, MD
- **NEW:** [ASC Annual Meeting](#), November 13-16, 2024, San Francisco, CA

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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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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