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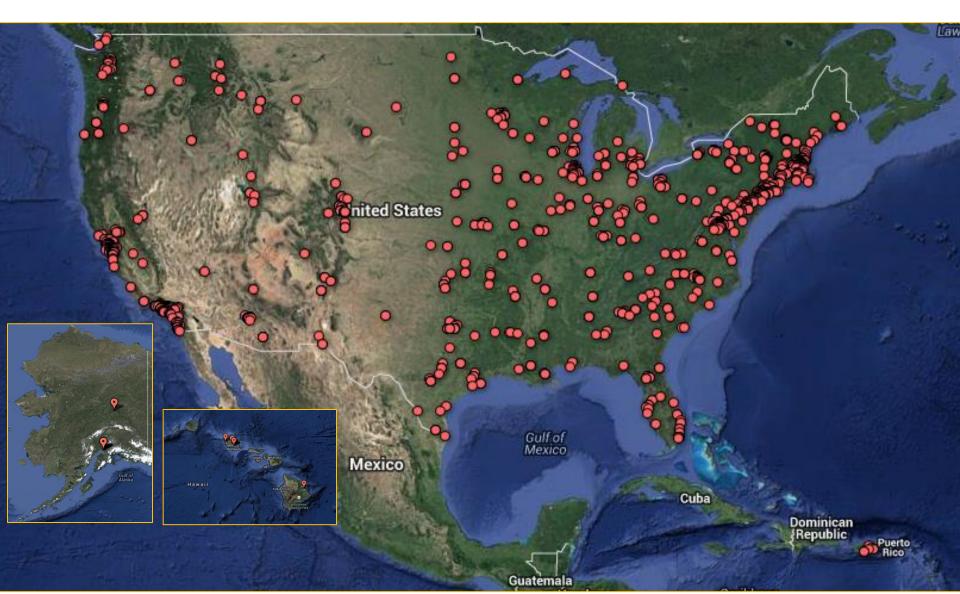
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## National Institutes of Health



NIH seeks fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce the burdens of illness and disability.

# NIH Supports 300,000 scientists and research staff at 2,500 Institutions



# Foreign Officials Have Beaten a Path to the NIH Center for Scientific Review















# 73% of the Nobel Prizes 2000-2014 Won or Shared by NIH Reviewers

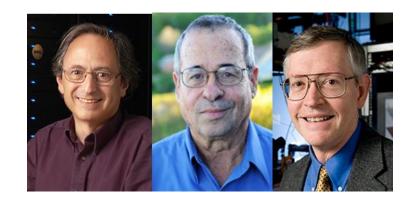
2013-2014

#### **Physiology or Medicine**

#### **Chemistry**



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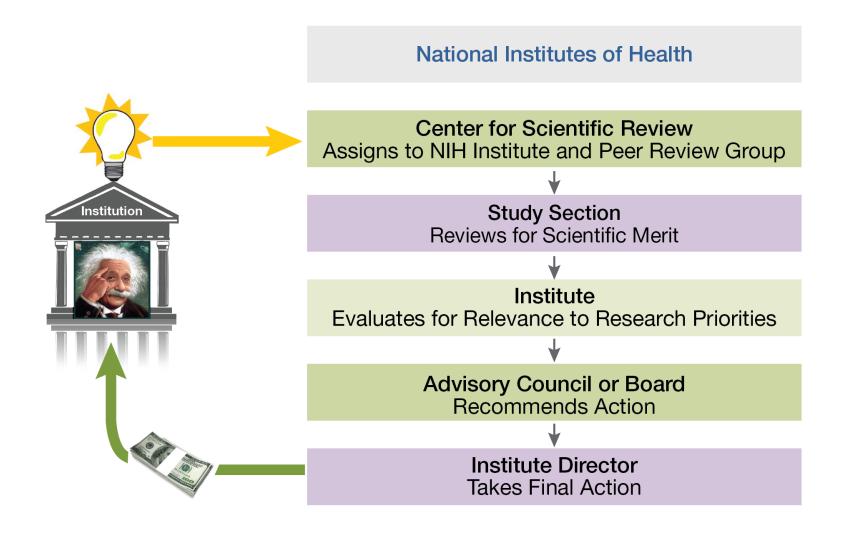


#### The NIH Center for Scientific Review

- Receives all NIH grant applications
- Reviews 75% or ~60,000 of them
- Recruits 17,000 reviewers a year
- Holds 1,500 review meetings a year
- Manages the process with 247 Scientific Review Officers



### Peer Review and Funding of NIH Grant Applications



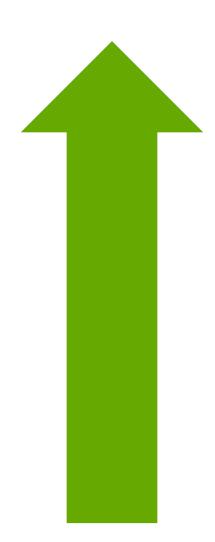
#### Who Sets NIH Priorities?

#### **Institutes Set their Priorities Based on Input from:**

- The scientific community
- Congress
- Industry, patient and public representatives who serve on advisory councils, boards and panels.

# How NIH Peer-Reviewed Research Has Paid Off

### **Economic Benefits**



NIH extramural funding generated \$57.8 billion in economic output nationwide in 2012

#### **Economic Benefits**

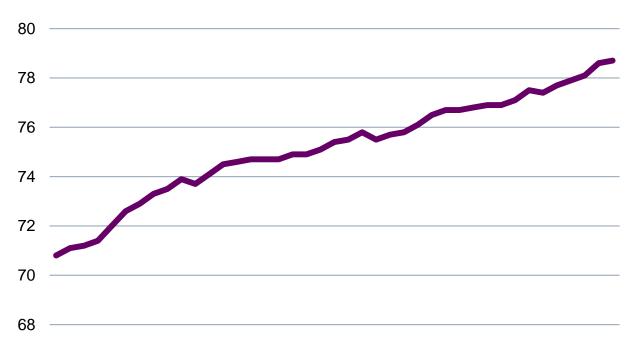
\$3.2 trillion per year

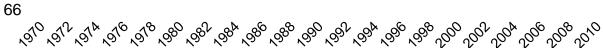
Research-related gains in life expectancy 1970-2000 have an economic value estimated of \$95 trillion

## **Scientific and Health Advances**

# The Benefits of Biomedical and Public Health Advances

## U.S. Life Expectancy









#### **NIH Research Matters**

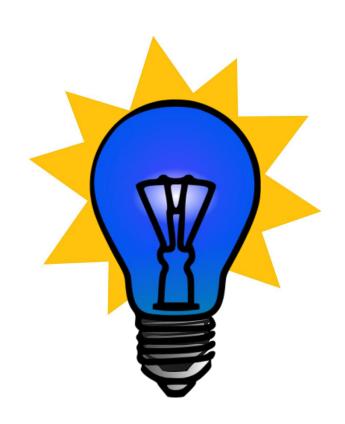
- 1.35 million deaths are prevented each year due to NIH research advances in treating or preventing cardiovascular disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes
- 70% of major drugs were developed or made possible by NIH-funded research according to a 2000 congressional report: The Benefits of Medical Research and the Role of the NIH

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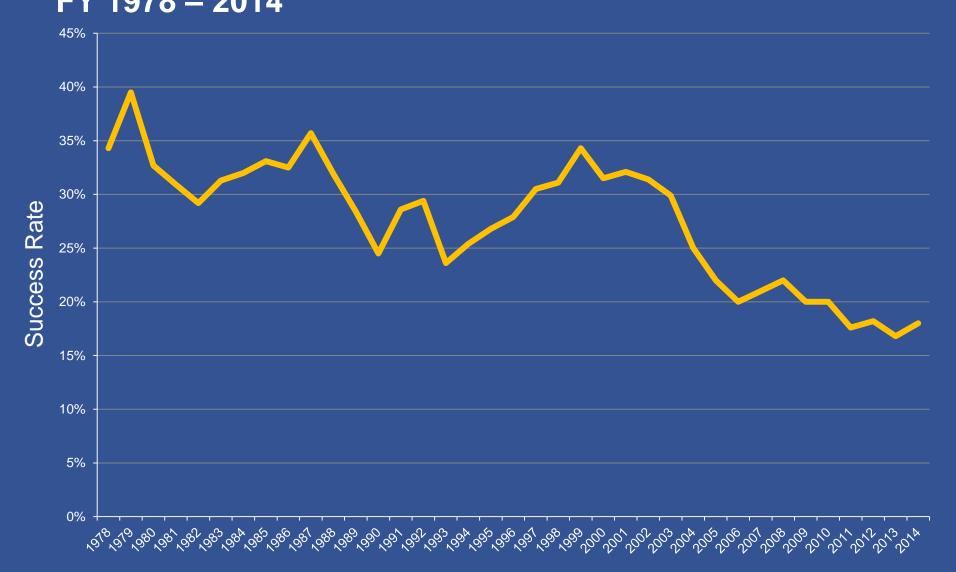
### Why Has NIH Peer Review Been so Successful?

- It is transparent to the applicant
- The focus is on funding ideas or people not institutions
- Ideas spring from independent researchers across the country
- Researchers must compete—like entrepreneurs—for funding
- Scientists from the external community are the primary judges
- Scientists and staff put a high value on fairness and work hard to maintain it

## Will the Future Be as Bright as the Past?

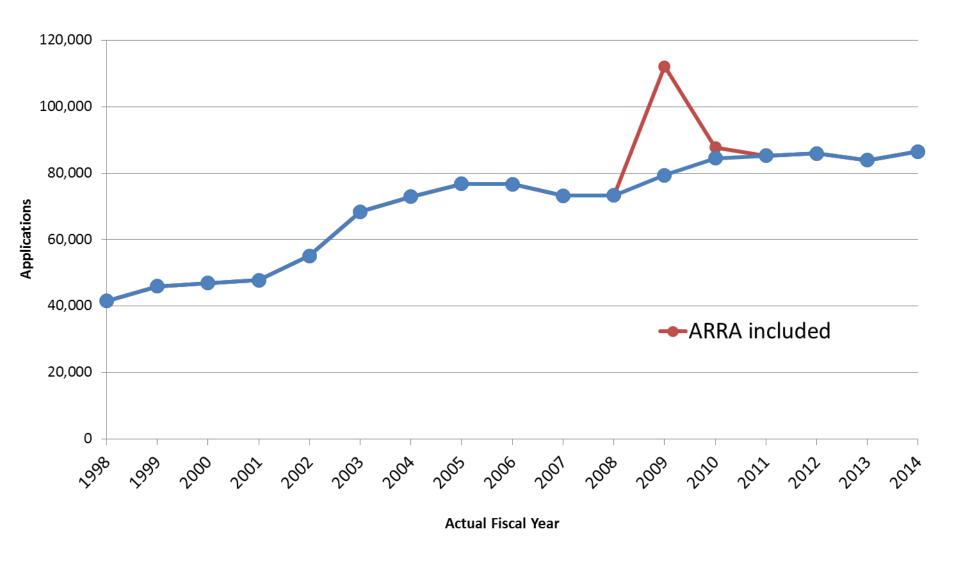


# Grant Success Rates FY 1978 – 2014



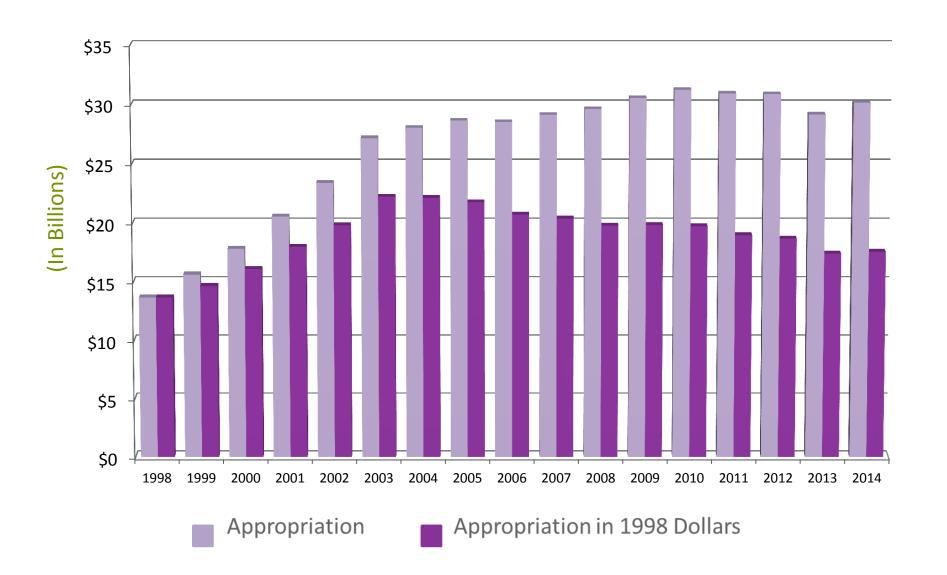
Fiscal Year

### **Number of Applications Received by Fiscal Year**



#### NIH Program Level in Normal Dollars and Constant Dollars

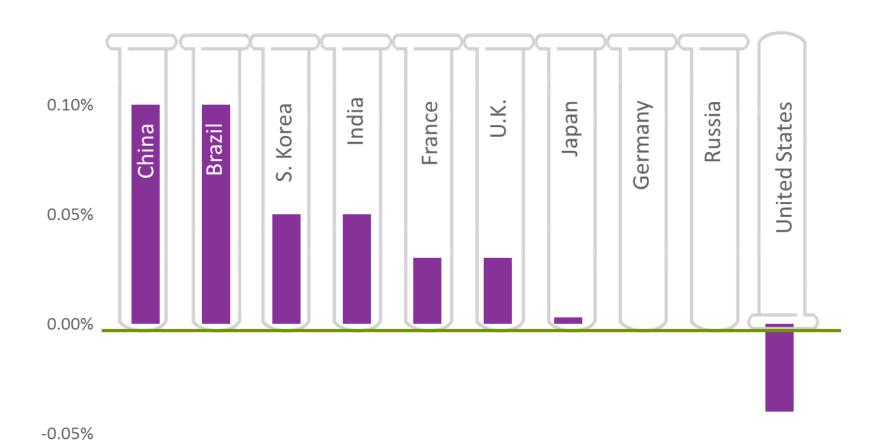
FY 1998-FY 2014



## Will Other Countries Surpass the US?



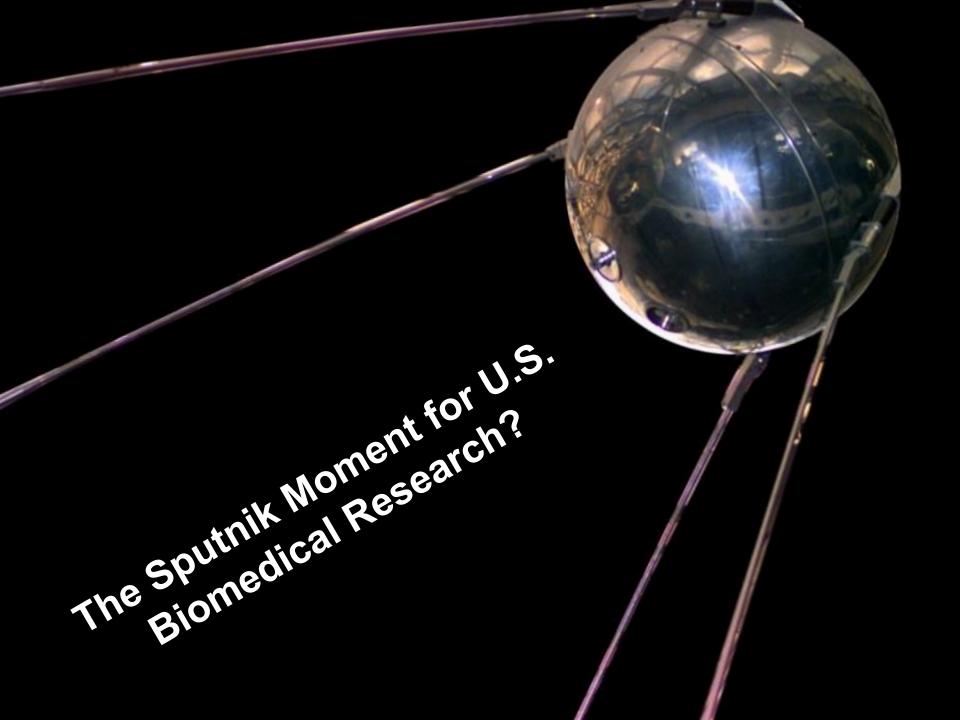
# Change in Percentage of GDP Invested in Research 2011 to 2013



Adapted from: Nondefense Discretionary Science 2013 Survey, ASBMB Source: Batelle, R&D Magazine

## **Eight Countries Have Passed the U.S.**

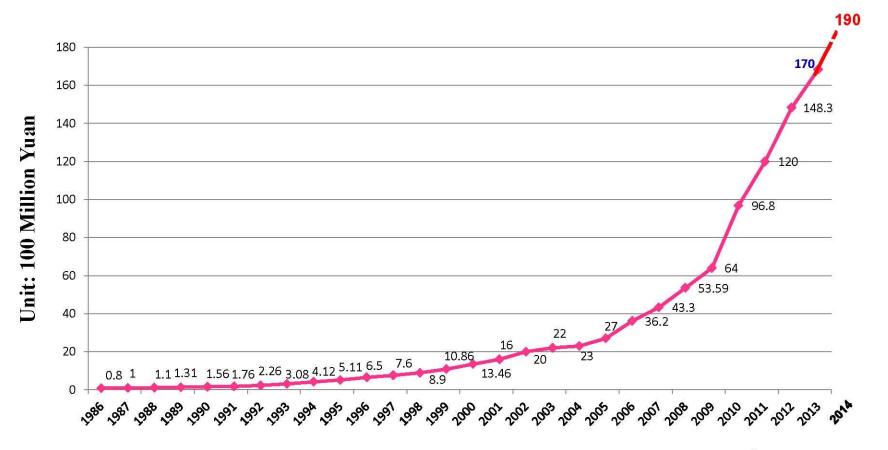
Country	% GDP on Research and Development
Israel	4.2
South Korea	3.6
Japan	3.4
Finland	3.5
Sweden	3.4
Germany	2.9
Switzerland	2.9
Denmark	2.9



## **Budget for 1986-2014**

The total budget for 2014 is  $\frac{1}{2}$ 19Billion (~\$ 3.05Billion), an increase by 11.7% over the year 2013.

#### **National Natural Science Foundation of China**



Fiscal Year

#### **Bottom Line:**

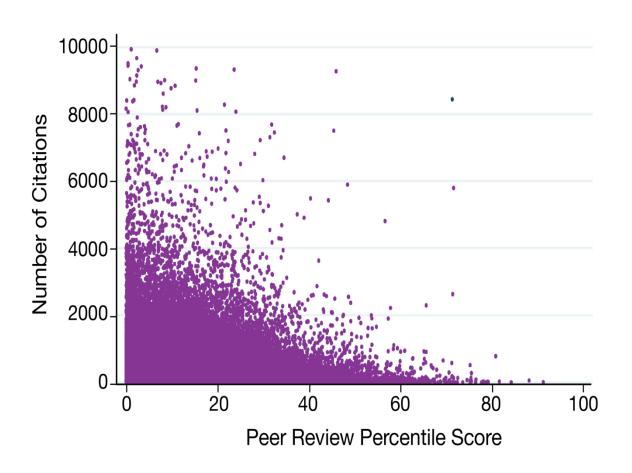
NIH Peer Reviewed Research Works for the U.S. and Can Help Propel U.S. Health Science to Greater Heights

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#### **New Data on How NIH Peer Review Works**



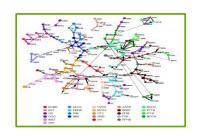
### **We Actively Manage Reviewer Conflicts**

#### We will not let a reviewer assess an application if he--

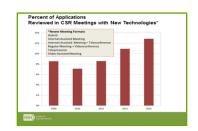
- Is employed or seeking employment at the applicant's institution
- Is a family member or close friend
- Is a collaborator
- Has a longstanding scientific disagreement
- Has a personal bias
- Has an appearance of a conflict

#### **Efforts to Assess and Advance NIH Peer Review**

- Using the tools of science to evaluate its effectiveness and efficiency
- Modifying review procedures to better ensure reproducibility of research results
- Enlisting the scientific community to help assess review groups and practices.







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#### Combination Therapy for Metastatic Prostate Cancer

Results of a clinical trial show that giving chemotherapy along with hormone therapy can prolong the lives of men with a certain type of metastatic prostate cancer.



#### Untangling the Octopus Genome

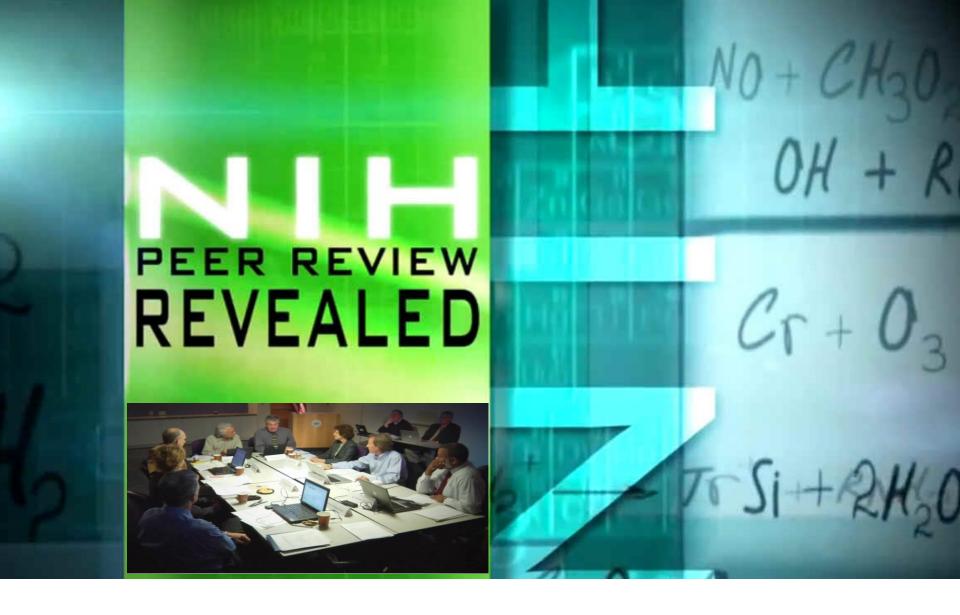
The octopus genome sequence provides new clues to this animal's distinctive features and abilities, and may help inform a better understanding of human development.



#### Study Details Process Involved in Parkinson's Disease

Researchers determined how cells dispose of damaged mitochondria, a process that can lead to neurodegenerative and other diseases when gone awry.

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