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NSF Seeks Nominations for the 2019 Alan T. Waterman Award

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is accepting nominations for the [Alan T. Waterman](https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/award.jsp?agency=PMA&index=1) Award.
Award, the highest honor awarded by the NSF to early-career researchers. The annual award recognizes an outstanding young researcher, 40 years of age or younger or no more than 10 years beyond receipt of their Ph.D., in any field of science or engineering supported by the National Science Foundation. In addition to a medal, the awardee receives a grant of $1,000,000 over a five-year period for scientific research or advanced study in the mathematical, physical, biological, engineering, social or other sciences at the institution of the recipient's choice. Psychologist Kristina R. Olson received the 2018 Waterman award and was the first social scientist to receive the award since 2005. More information can be found on the NSF website. Nominations may be submitted until October 22, 2018.

COSSA IN ACTION

SSRC's Alondra Nelson Answers "Why Social Science?"

This latest Why Social Science? guest post comes from Alondra Nelson, President of the Social Science Research Council, who highlights SSRC's recently published report, To Secure Knowledge: Social Science Partnerships for the Common Good. Read it here and subscribe.

Letters & Statements

- 9/25/2018: Letter on FY 2019 Funding for the Bureau of Economic Analysis

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Trump Signs Labor-HHS Bill/CR, Pushing Remaining FY19 Spending to Dec 7

On September 28, President Trump signed into law a fiscal year (FY) 2019 funding package containing two of twelve appropriations bills, the Defense Appropriations bill and the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations bill. The bill had been passed earlier in the week by the House of Representatives. Of particular interest to the social science community, the Labor-HHS bill contains next year's final appropriation for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Education (ED), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), among other federal departments and agencies. The passage of the Labor-HHS bill marks the first time in more than 20 years that this bill, which tends to be one of the most divisive among Republicans and Democrats, will be signed into law on time.

The package also includes a continuing resolution (CR) that will keep the rest of the government operating until December 7 (the new fiscal year begins next week on October 1). Congress will return after the November midterm elections and attempt to complete its work on next year's spending bills. Notably, still pending is the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations bill, which is responsible for funding the National Science Foundation and the Census Bureau, among other programs; neither the House or Senate have taken up the bill outside of committee.

Read on for COSSA's analysis of the final FY 2019 funding levels for the National Institutes of
NSF Announces New Sexual Harassment Policy

On September 21, the National Science Foundation (NSF) published a new term and condition for awards, to be enacted October 21, 2018, requiring awardee organizations to report findings of sexual harassment. The new term and condition will require awardee organizations to notify NSF of:

- "Any findings or determinations that an NSF-funded principal investigator (PI) or co-principal investigator (co-PI) committed harassment, including sexual harassment or sexual assault.
- The placement of the PI or co-PI on administrative leave, or of the imposition of any administrative action relating to a harassment or sexual assault finding or investigation."

After notification, NSF will consult with the organization and determine what action is necessary under NSF's authority, including substituting or removing PIs or co-PIs, reducing award funding, and where neither of those options is available or adequate-suspending or terminating awards. NSF has developed an online submission system for the required notifications that will be available on NSF's sexual harassment page, which will send information directly to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. More information can be found on NSF's website.

NIH Studying Impacts of Recent Hurricanes on Health Risks and Resilience

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced eight awards that will support researchers examining the health impacts of hurricanes Maria and Irma on Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands in 2017. The grants, which are funded through the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), will focus on the impacts of psychosocial stressors related to the recent hurricanes, "such as grief, separation from home and loved ones, loss of income, and limited access to medical care." More information and a full list of the grantees are available on the NIH website.

NCHS Releases Health, United States

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) has released the 41st edition of one of its flagship publications, Health, United States, the "report card" on the nation's health. Health, United States, 2017 compiles federal data on a wide range of topics related to morbidity, mortality, health care utilization and access, health risk factors, prevention, health insurance, and personal health care expenditures. The 2017 edition includes a special feature on mortality; life expectancy at birth has decreased for two years in a few, for the first time since 1993. The complete report is available on the NCHS website.

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** NSF: Alan T. Waterman Award (Closes: October 22, 2018)

Funding Opportunities

- NEA: Research: Art Works (Closes: October 9, 2018)
Notices & Requests for Comment

- NIH: [Obesity Policy Evaluation Research (R01)](Closes: October 5, 2018)
- NIH: [Request for Information To Solicit Feedback on the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies (BRAIN) Initiative](Closes: November 15, 2018)
- NIH: [Request for Information (RFI): Registration and Results Reporting Standards for Prospective Basic Science Studies Involving Human Participants](Closes: November 12, 2018)
- NEW: NSF: [NSF 2026 Idea Machine](Closes: October 26, 2018)
- NEW: NSF: [Request for Information on Update to the 2016 National Artificial Intelligence Research and Development Strategic Plan](Closes: October 26, 2018)
- NEW: NCES: [National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2019 and 2020 Update](Closes: October 19, 2018)
- NIH: [Request for Public Comment on Draft Protocol Template for Behavioral and Social Sciences Clinical Trials](Closes: October 11, 2018)

Recent Reports

- NEW: NCHS: [Health, United States, 2017]
- NEW: [America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2018](Closes: October 19, 2018)

Open Positions

- NSF: [Division Director, Social and Economic Sciences, SBE](Closes: October 31, 2018)
- NSF: [Deputy Division Director, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, SBE](Closes: October 17, 2018)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

COPAFS Launches Executive Director Search

The [Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics](COPAFS) has launched a search for a new Executive Director following the retirement of John Thompson this summer. COPAFS advocates for the development and dissemination of high-quality federal statistics. More details on COPAFS and on the search are available on the [COPAFS website](https://www.copafs.org).

Notices & Requests for Comment

- NEW: NASEM: [Committee on Assessing the Minerva Research Initiative and the Contribution of Social Science to Addressing Security Concerns: Call for Public Comments](https://www.nationalacademies.org)

Open Positions

- NEW: COPAFS: [Executive Director](Closes: October 15, 2018)

COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Fellowships & Professional Development

- AERA: [AERA Congressional Fellowship](Closes: December 15, 2018)
EVENTS CALENDAR

- Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, October 10-13, 2018, Orlando, FL
- The Lab @ DC: The Extra Mile: Time to School and Student Outcomes in Washington, DC, October 18, 2018, Washington, DC
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics 50th Anniversary Reception, October 18, 2018, Washington, DC
- Evaluation 2018 (American Evaluation Association), October 29-November 3, 2018, Cleveland, OH
- History of Science Society Annual Meeting, November 1-4, 2018, Seattle, WA
- North American Regional Science Council Annual Meeting, November 7-10, 2018, San Antonio, TX
- National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, November 7-10, 2018, San Diego, CA
- Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, November 8-11, 2018, Phoenix, AZ
- National Communication Association Annual Convention, November 8-11, 2018, Salt Lake City, UT
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, November 8-10, 2018, Washington, DC
- Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, November 8-11, 2018, Orlando, FL
- American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 14-17, 2018, Atlanta, GA
- Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Annual Meeting, November 14-17, 2018, Chicago, IL
- American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November 14-18, 2018, San Jose, CA
- Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention, November 15-18, 2018, Washington, DC
- African Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 29-December 1, 2018, Atlanta, GA

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@cossa.org.
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