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## FEATURED NEWS

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### Social Scientists Encouraged to Explore NSF's Ten Big Ideas Solicitations

Arthur Lupia, Assistant Director for the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE) of the National Science Foundation (NSF), is calling on social and behavioral scientists to learn more about, and consider applying for, the funding opportunities associated with the [NSF Ten Big Ideas for Future Investment](#). The Ideas focus on critical issues in science and society and provide potentially substantial opportunities for social and behavioral scientists—from planning grants to research infrastructure. The letter includes details of the Big Ideas, links to more information, and directions to join informational webinars. [Read on for the full letter](#). More information about the Ten Big Ideas can be found on the [NSF website](#).

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## COSSA IN ACTION

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### February's Headlines Webchat to Feature a Deep Dive on Evidence-Based Policymaking



COSSA members are encouraged to sign up for the [monthly Headlines webchat](#) on February 14 at 2:00 pm Eastern, in which COSSA staff will recap the most important social and behavioral science news from the past month and answer participants' questions. The February chat will feature a deep dive discussion on the recently-passed *Foundations for Evidence-Based*

*Policymaking Act of 2018* with special guest Nick Hart, Director of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Evidence Project. Individuals employed by or affiliated with a [COSSA member organization or university](#) can register for the webchat [here](#).

### COSSA Releases 2019 Rankings of College and University Social Science Investment

COSSA recently [released](#) its 2019 [College and University Rankings for Federal Social and Behavioral R&D](#), which highlight the top university recipients of federal research dollars in the social and behavioral sciences. This year's rankings also feature a dashboard with an interactive map of recipients of social and behavioral science R&D funding so you can see how your university stacks up against more than 450 U.S. institutions. Based on the most recent available federal 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. More information on how the rankings are produced is available on the COSSA [website](#).

The top 10 recipients for 2019 are:

1. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill\* (NC) - \$126,694,000 (#1 in 2018)
2. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor\* (MI) - \$117,218,000 (#2 in 2018)
3. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities\* (MN) - \$44,272,000 (#4 in 2018)
4. University of Maryland, College Park\* (MD) - \$42,681,000 (#7 in 2018)
5. Pennsylvania State University, University Park and Hershey Medical Center\* (PA) - \$37,794,000 (#3 in 2018)
6. University of Washington, Seattle\* (WA) - \$36,061,000 (#5 in 2018)
7. University of Pennsylvania\* (PA) - \$32,888,000 (#6 in 2018)
8. New York University\* (NY) - \$32,384,000 (#11 in 2018)
9. University of Southern California (CA) - \$31,958,000 (#10 in 2018)
10. University of South Florida, Tampa (FL) - \$31,580,000 (#9 in 2018)

\* Indicates COSSA members

**The Research-to-Policy Collaboration Answers "Why Social Science?"**

# WHY SOCIAL SCIENCE?

The latest *Why Social Science?* guest post comes from Taylor Scott and Max Crowley of the [Research-to-Policy Collaboration](#) (RPC), who write about how the RPC is connecting social scientists and government officials to enhance the use of research in policymaking. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

## Letters & Statements

- 2/1/2019: Letter on Report Language Related to the Realignment/Relocation of the Economic Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture, [Full Committee/Agriculture Subcommittee](#)
- 1/30/2019: [Comment on Proposed Amendments to Title IX Implementing Regulations](#)
- 1/23/2019: [CNSF Letter Calling for an End to the Government Shutdown](#)

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## CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

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### Government Reopens; Final Funding for FY 2019 Still Unclear

Following the longest partial-government shutdown in U.S. history and the passage of a short-term stopgap measure to reopen the government, the fate of fiscal year (FY) 2019 appropriations is still unclear. On January 25, Congress passed a continuing resolution (CR) to reopen all federal agencies until February 15, allowing more time to negotiate a compromise on border security-the policy issue at the center of the government funding debate. While the timing for finalizing FY 2019 spending remains uncertain, negotiations on all spending levels (except for Homeland Security) have been finalized. The end product for agencies awaiting their final appropriation is not likely to diverge much, if at all, from the [levels that have already been reported](#). COSSA will release a full analysis reviewing the FY 2019 outcomes for programs and agencies important to the social and behavioral sciences once Congress and the White House come to a final agreement.

Prior to the reopening of the government, COSSA signed on to a [letter](#) to President Trump and Congressional leaders as a part of the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) expressing concern about the impact of government shutdowns on America's research enterprise. The scientific community is bracing for another potential shutdown should agreement not be reached before the next deadline on February 15.

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## FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

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### Nomination Opportunities

- NIFA: [2018 NIFA Hall of Fame Nominations](#) (Closes: February 15, 2019)

### Funding Opportunities

- NEW: ED: [Fulbright-Hays--Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad \(DDRA\)](#) (Closes: March 25, 2019)
- NIH/NIGMS: [Graduate Research Training Initiative for Student Enhancement \(G-RISE\) \(T32\)](#) (Closes: May 21, 2019)

- NIH: [Research and Evaluation on Promising Reentry Initiatives](#) (Closes: May 13, 2019)
- NIH: [Research Project Grant \(Parent R01 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required\)](#) (Opens: May 7, 2019)
- NIH: [Predoctoral Training in Advanced Data Analytics for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research \(BSSR\) - Institutional Research Training Program \[T32\]](#) (Opens: April 25, 2019)
- NIJ: [Graduate Research Fellowship in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics](#) (Closes: April 17, 2019)
- NIJ: [Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes](#) (Closes: April 11, 2019)
- NIH: HEAL Initiative: HEALTHy Brain and Child Development Study (HEALTHy BCD): [Collaborative R34 \(Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#), [R34 \(Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (Closes: March 25, 2019)
- NSF: [Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Core Research \(FW-HTF\)](#) (Closes: March 6, 2019)
- NIH: [Leveraging Health Information Technology \(Health IT\) to Address Minority Health and Health Disparities \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: March 4, 2019)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Harnessing the Data Revolution \(HDR\): Institutes for Data-Intensive Research in Science and Engineering - Ideas Labs \(I-DIRSE-IL\)](#) (Closes: March 4, 2019)
- NSF: [Navigating the New Arctic \(NNA\)](#) (Closes: March 4, 2019)
- NIH/NIGMS: [Initiative for Maximizing Student Development \(IMSD\) \(T32\)](#) (Closes: February 22, 2019)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Mid-scale Research Infrastructure-1 \(Mid-scale RI-1\)](#): (Closes: February 19, 2019)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Harnessing the Data Revolution \(HDR\): Data Science Corps \(DSC\)](#) (Closes: February 19, 2019)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Mid-scale Research Infrastructure-2 \(Mid-scale RI-2\)](#) (LOI Due: February 14, 2019)
- NIH/NIDA: [HEAL Initiative: Coordinating Center to Support NIDA Preventing Opioid Use Disorder in Older Adolescents and Young Adults \(ages 16-30\) Initiative \(Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (LOI Due: February 11, 2019, Closes: March 13, 2019)
- NIH/NIDA: [HEAL Initiative: Preventing Opioid Use Disorder in Older Adolescents and Young Adults \(ages 16-30\) \(Clinical Trial Required\)](#) (LOI Due: February 11, 2019, Closes: March 13, 2019)
- NIH: [HEAL Initiative: Behavioral Research to Improve MAT: Behavioral and Social Interventions to Improve Adherence to Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorders \(R61/R33 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: February 8, 2019)
- NIH/NIDA: HEAL Initiative: Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN): [Clinical Research Centers \(Clinical Trial Optional\)](#), [Coordination and Translation Center \(Clinical Trial Optional\)](#), [Methodology and Advanced Analytics Resource Center \(Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (LOI Due: January 27, 2019, Closes: February 27, 2019)

## Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** NSF: [Resumption of Operations at the National Science Foundation](#)
- NIH: [RFI: Input on Revised Definition of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research at NIH](#) (Closes: February 22, 2019)
- NIH/NICHD: [Feedback Requested on NICHD's 2020-2024 Strategic Plan](#) (Closes: February 15, 2019)
- OHRP: [Comments Requested: The Revised Common Rule Compliance Dates and Transition Provision \(45 CFR 46.101\(l\)\)](#) (Closes: February 11, 2019)
- Census: [Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request: 2020 Census](#)
- NIH: [Notice of Interest in Long-term Maintenance of Behavior Change Research](#)
- NIH: [Notice of Special Interest in Understanding Factors in Infancy and Early Childhood \(Birth to 24 months\) That Influence Obesity Development](#)

## Recent Reports

- NEW: DHS: [S&T Combatting Human Trafficking Using Social Science](#)

## Open Positions

- NEW: NSF: [Division Director, Division of Graduate Education, EHR](#) (Closes: February 29, 2019)
- NEW: NIH: [Deputy Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities](#) (Closes: March 28, 2019)

## Fellowships & Professional Development

- NEH: [Summer Programs for K-12 and Higher Education Educators](#) (Closes: March 1, 2019)
- FDA: [Tobacco Regulatory Science Fellowship](#) (Closes: March 1, 2019)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

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### National Academies Seeking Nominations for New Decadal Survey of Social and Behavioral Science Research Related to Alzheimer's Disease: DEADLINE FEBRUARY 6

The Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE) at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAEM) is seeking nominations to a committee that will be charged with developing a Decadal Survey of Behavioral and Social Science Research on Alzheimer's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease-Related Dementias. The study will identify research opportunities throughout the social and behavioral sciences, including psychology, sociology, demography, economics, anthropology, cognition, and behavioral neuroscience, that can be brought to bear on prevention, care, and better understanding of the effects of the disease on society. Various techniques will be used to identify the community of experts outside of the appointed committee including town halls, the use of social media directed towards science (e.g. IdeaBuzz), and webcasting of special workshops to draw attention to the initiative. Nominations may be submitted by filling out [this form](#) by February 6, 2019.

### COSSA Joins Call for Department of Education to Halt Proposed Title IX Amendments

COSSA joined over 60 other organizations in a [letter](#) urging the U.S. Department of Education to halt its proposed amendments to Title IX implementing regulations that would restrict the definition of sexual harassment in academic institutions and the overall scope of the Title IX regulation. The letter recognizes that "existing legal structures (including Title IX) alone are insufficient to create the needed changes of conduct to reduce barriers to full participation," adding that the [proposed regulations](#) "are without an evidence-based justification and are not consistent with Title IX." The signatory societies, including COSSA, emphasize the importance that rules concerning sexual harassment be made "with serious regard for the facts, evidence, and research."

### Nomination Opportunities

- NAEM: [Forum for Children's Well-Being: Promoting Cognitive, Affective and Behavioral Health for Children and Youth](#) (Closes: February 8, 2019)

## Fellowships & Professional Development

- NASEM: [Gulf Research Program Science Policy Fellowship](#) (Closes: March 9, 2019)
- NASEM: [Gulf Research Program Early-Career Research Fellowship](#) (Closes: February 20, 2019)

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

- [Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention](#), February 7-9, 2019, Portland, OR
- [NASEM: STEM Education Day](#), February 12, 2019, Washington, DC
- [COSSA Headlines | February Headlines & Deep Dive TBA](#), February 14, 2019, 2:00 pm
- [Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations Annual Meeting](#), February 28 - March 2, 2019, Lincoln, NE
- [APA: Technology, Mind, & Society Conference Deadline for Proposals](#), March 8, 2019
- [American Psychosomatic Society Annual Scientific Meeting](#), March 6-9, 2019, Vancouver, Canada
- [Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting](#), March 6-9, 2019, Washington, DC
- [COSSA Headlines | March Headlines & Deep Dive TBA](#), March 14, 2019, 2:00 pm
- [Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting](#), March 21-23, 2019, Baltimore, MD
- [Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting](#), March 26-30, 2019, Baltimore, MD
- [American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting](#), April 3-7, 2019, Washington, DC
- [Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), April 4-7, 2019, Chicago, IL
- [American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting](#), April 5-9, 2019, Toronto, Canada
- [Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting](#), April 10-13, 2019, Atlanta, GA
- [Population Association of America Annual Meeting](#), April 10-13, 2019, Austin, TX
- [Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting](#), April 17-20, 2019, Chicago, IL
- [American Council of Learned Societies Annual Meeting](#), April 25-27, 2019, New York, NY
- [COSSA 2019 Social Science Advocacy Day, April 30-May 1, 2019, 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 [jmilton@coffa.org](mailto:jmilton@coffa.org).

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Society for Personality and Social Psychology  
Society for Research in Child Development

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American Association of Geographers  
American Council of Learned Societies  
American Evaluation Association  
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American Psychosomatic Society  
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies  
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Society for Prevention Research  
Society for Research on Adolescence  
Society for Social Work and Research  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
Society of Behavioral Medicine  
Southern Political Science Association  
Southern Sociological Society  
Southwestern Social Science Association

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