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FEATURED NEWS

NIH Seeks Input on the Need for an Administrative Data Enclave

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has issued a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) on the potential development of a secure data enclave within the NIH using existing funds. This enclave would allow approved research organizations to access sensitive non-public NIH information such as information on peer review outcomes, grant progress reports, and

demographic information of NIH grant applicants. NIH approval would be required for researchers to access the data. The NIH is seeking information about this proposed data enclave including examples of research that is currently not pursuable without such access, whether the benefits of a data enclave are worth the opportunity cost of the necessary NIH funds, preferences about accessing a data enclave virtually or in a designated physical location, quantity of "seats" of researchers given access to the data enclave, examples of high level data protection procedures, and examples of potential research outputs from a data enclave. NIH's Deputy Director for Extramural Research Mike Lauer published a [blog post](#) discussing the RFI in greater detail. Responses can be submitted [here](#) by May 30, 2019.

COSSA IN ACTION

March's Headlines Webchat to Feature Deep Dive on FY 2020 Budget Request

COSSA members are encouraged to sign up for the [monthly Headlines webchat](#) on March 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 March chat will feature a deep dive discussion with COSSA staff on the Trump Administration's budget request for fiscal year (FY) 2020. Individuals employed by or affiliated with a [COSSA member organization or university](#) can register for the webchat [here](#).



Anthropologist Lee Hoffer Answers "Why Social Science?"



The latest Why Social Science? guest post comes from Lee Hoffer, Associate Professor of Medical Anthropology at Case Western Reserve University, who writes about how participatory research involving people suffering from substance use disorders can give us new perspectives on addiction. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

Letters & Statements

- 3/4/2019: [CDC Coalition on FY 2020 Funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
 - 2/22/2019: [COSSA Comment on the Proposed NIH Definition of "Behavioral and Social Sciences Research"](#)
 - 2/21/2019: Letter in Support of Funding for Gun Violence Prevention Research at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [House/Senate](#)
 - 2/25/2019: [CNSF Letter on the Completion of FY 2019 Appropriations](#)
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CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Trump Administration to Release FY 2020 Budget Request Next Week

The Trump Administration is planning to release its fiscal year (FY) 2020 Budget Request in batches over the next couple of weeks. Due to the 35-day partial government shutdown and

delayed ending to the FY 2019 appropriations process (see [previous coverage](#)), the President's budget, which is supposed to be delivered to Congress in early February, is not expected until mid-March. Reports indicate that preliminary details will be released the week of March 11 with full details available the week of March 18.

The research community is expecting another tough year for federal science agencies and programs, especially as the President has hinted at his plans to increase defense spending at the expense of non-defense discretionary spending, which includes federal research funding. As always, COSSA will prepare an in-depth analysis of the proposals for agencies and programs important to our community.

It is important to note that the President's budget is just that - a budget. Congress is not waiting for the President's request to be delivered to begin their work on the annual appropriations bills. Oversight hearings are already beginning, and generally, the President's request is expected to have little bearing on Congress's funding deliberations.

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

NIH Publishes Update on Efforts to Address Sexual Harassment in Science

On February 28, the Office of the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) [released an update](#) on efforts underway at NIH to address sexual harassment in science. The update outlines that, following the National Academies of Sciences' [report on sexual harassment of women in science](#), NIH established the [Working Group of the Advisory Committee to the Director \(ACD\)](#) on Changing the Culture to End Sexual Harassment. The task of the working group is to assess the current state of sexual harassment, advise on accountability measures, propose policies, and develop strategies for encouraging research on anti-harassment policies and measures of their effectiveness. The Working Group met for the first time this month and will report interim recommendations in June and provide a final report and recommendations to the ACD in December. The update also lists several themes that will be at the center of the working group's recommendations including demonstrating accountability and transparency, clarifying expectations for institutions and investigators to ensure a safe workplace and inform the agency, providing clear channels of communication to NIH, and listening to victims and survivors of sexual harassment and incorporating their perspectives into future actions. More information can be found in the NIH [website](#).

Nomination Opportunities

- AHRQ: [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force](#) (Closes: May 15, 2019)

Funding Opportunities

- NIH/NIGMS: [Graduate Research Training Initiative for Student Enhancement \(G-RISE\) \[T32\]](#) (Closes: May 21, 2019)
- NIJ: [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)
- NIJ: [Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime FY 2019](#) (Closes: May 6, 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: [Research and Evaluation on the Administration of Justice](#) (Closes: April 19, 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 17, 2019)

- April 11, 2019)
- NSF: [Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program \(S-STEM\)](#) (Closes: March 29, 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)
- ED: [Fulbright-Hays--Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad \(DDRA\)](#) (Closes: March 25, 2019)
- NSF: [Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Core Research \(FW-HTF\)](#) (Closes: March 6, 2019)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** NIH: [Request for Information \(RFI\) Seeking Stakeholder Input on the Need for an NIH Administrative Data Enclave](#) (Closes: May 30, 2019)
- Census: [Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request: 2020 Census](#) (Closes: March 15, 2019)

Open Positions

- NIH: [Deputy Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities](#) (Closes: March 28, 2019)
- **NEW:** HHS/OHRP: [Director of the Division of Compliance Oversight, Office for Human Research Protections](#) (Closes: March 15, 2019)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- NIJ: [Graduate Research Fellowship in the Social and Behavioral Sciences](#) (Closes: April 8, 2019)
- **NEW:** NIH: [OBSSR Matilda White Riley Honors Early Stage Investigator Paper Competition](#) (Closes: March 31, 2019)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

NASEM Report Evaluates Strategies for Reducing Child Poverty

In response to a 2015 Congressional directive to conduct a comprehensive study of child poverty in the United States, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has released a new report, [A Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty](#). The consensus study report evaluates the evidence surrounding the efficacy of existing federal programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and proposes a strategy for reducing the child poverty rate in the United States by half over the next decade. The authoring committee identifies several priority areas for research, including developing effective work-oriented child poverty reduction programs, program administration that enhances the stability of low-income families, and reducing barriers to accessing assistance programs. The report also recommends improving data collection and measurement (including developing a health-inclusive poverty measure), continued monitoring and program evaluation, and better coordination of research and data priorities across departments. The full report can be accessed on the [National Academies website](#).

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** NASEM: [National Call for Commitment Statements on Reversing the U.S. Opioid Epidemic](#) (Closes: April 15, 2019)

Recent Reports

- NEW: NASEM: [A Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty](#)

Fellowships & Professional Development

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [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 on the FY 2020 Budget Request](#), 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
- [COSSA Headlines | April Headlines & Deep Dive Topic TBA](#), April 12, 2019, 2:00 pm
- [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](#)
- [NSF Grants Conference](#), May 20-21, 2019, Los Angeles, 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 jmilton@coffa.org.

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