FABBS is a coalition of scientific societies and university departmental affiliates that share an interest in advancing the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior. We communicate the importance and contributions of research in these areas to policy makers and the public.

What’s on Deck

- The Federal Budget Process
- Authorizations and Other Legislation
- Election Year Effects
- Federal Agencies
- Opportunities and Tools to get Involved
- Questions, Feedback, and Discussion
Key Questions in 2022
- Ongoing Continuing Resolution
- Late POTUS Budget Request
- Disagreement over Total Spending

Federal Spending, FY 2019

- Net interest: 8%
- Defense discretionary: 15%
- Non-defense discretionary: 15%
- Social Security: 23%
- Medicare: 14%
- Medicaid, CHIP, ACA subsidies: 12%
- Other mandatory programs: 12%

Note: Figures may not add due to rounding.
Source: Office of Management and Budget

Federal Appropriations Process

- President’s Budget Request: Delayed until March
- Committee Hearings: March
- Markups: May–June
- 18 Feb.: Current Continuing Resolution for FY22 Expires
- April: Committee Allocations
- 30 Sep.: End of Fiscal Year 2022
Appropriations Advocacy

Annual Efforts

- Community letters to Congressional leadership requesting strong Subcommittee allocations for CJS and LHHS
- Coalition Letters to Congressional leadership supporting strong funding
- Dear Colleague Letters
- Hill meetings with CNSF and CHF
- Submit testimony for Appropriations Subcommittees
- Follow-up with coalition letters supporting higher House/Senate proposal
- Possible topics for FY23 Report Language
  - NSF demographic data
  - IES board?
  - NIMH portfolio?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>FY21 Enacted</th>
<th>FY22 POTUS Budget Request</th>
<th>FY22 House-Passed Appropriations Bill</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>National Institutes of Health</td>
<td>$42,935</td>
<td>$51,952</td>
<td>$49,434</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Science Foundation</td>
<td>$8,487</td>
<td>$10,169</td>
<td>$9,634</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Institute of Education Sciences</td>
<td>$624</td>
<td>$737</td>
<td>$762</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*in millions
FABBS Coalitions

• FABSS’ Role
  • Member of 12 Coalitions
  • Co-chair of the Coalition for National Science Funding
  • Opportunities to bring behavioral and brain science perspectives to the table
  • Support advocacy efforts by:
    • Meeting with Congressional offices
    • Drafting/providing input on policy and funding letters and statements
    • Bringing members to Capitol Hill
    • Help coordinate advocacy

• Role of Coalitions
  • Bring diverse scientific communities to advocate with a unified voice
  • Establish appropriations “Asks”
  • Coordinate Capitol Hill advocacy efforts
Authorizing legislation
• Establishes, continues, or modifies federal agencies or programs
• Often includes funding targets for an agency over a given time period

Appropriations Legislation
• Provides spending for the agencies and programs previously authorized
• Congress is not required to provide appropriations for an authorized discretionary spending program.
• Congress may provide appropriations for programs or agencies whose authorization has lapsed
Authorizing Legislation

National Institutes of Health:

ARPA-H
- Proposed in POTUS Budget Request
- Funding passed House
- Hearings planned
- CURES 2.0
  - Introduced by DeGette and Upton
  - Would establish ARPA-H
  - Authorize $6.5 billion
- ARPA-H Act
  - Introduced by Eshoo:
  - Would establish ARPA-H
  - Authorize $3 billion

National Science Foundation

- USICA passed the Senate
- NSF for the Future Act passed the House
- Leadership agreed to establish a conference committee
- Push from the White House to get the ball moving
- House released their bill this week
- FABBS-endorsed bills passed the House
  - Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act (Also included in USICA)
  - STEM Opportunities Act
  - Supporting Early Career Researchers Act
  - MSI STEM Achievement Act
  - Rural SETM Education Act
What Else is Congress Working On?

Build Back Better Act

• Biden Domestic Policy Agenda
  • Budget reconciliation – Democrats can pass with 50 votes
  • Includes $3.5B for NSF

• Status
  • Stalled. Could be revived, potentially in smaller pieces – what gets prioritized?

• Climate/ Child Tax Credit/ Health Care

• Timeline
  • Republicans have indicated that a push to pass BBB could make it more difficult to reach an FY22 spending agreement - Democrats delay until after February 18
  • April deadline for Budget Resolution/Reconciliation instructions
  • November midterms

National Defense Authorization Act

• Annual Bill to Direct Spending at Department of Defense
• Shapes DoD research spending
• FABBS hopes to increase attention

Supreme Court Confirmation
• Ukraine

Voting Rights
• Schumer and Biden have reiterated determination
• Bipartisan changes to the Electoral Count Act may be possible—Susan Collins Effort

Big Tech/ Antitrust
• Bipartisan interest, but little consensus so far
• Senate Judiciary Markup of bipartisan bill indicates possible avenue for action

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
• House passed reauthorization
• Bipartisan Senate group pushing proposal in 2022
• Potential obstacles in firearm provisions

Lawmaker Stock Trading
• Accusations of insider trading during pandemic
• McCarthy has said as speaker he would pursue a ban on lawmakers trading individual stocks
• Sens. Kelly and Ossoff introduced bill to ban individual stock trading
Midterm Elections:
House of Representatives

- 435 Members of the House of Representatives
- All members serve two-year terms
- All Members up for election at the same time
- The President’s party almost always loses seats

222 Democrats
212 Republicans
Retirements and New faces

Appropriations Advocates

Rep. G.K. Butterfield  D-NC (Retiring)
Rep. David McKinley  R-WV

House Science Committee

Rep. Frank Lucas  R-OK
Ranking Member

Rep. E.B. Johnson  D-TX
Chair (Retiring)
Midterm Elections: Senate

- 100 Members of the Senate
- Six-year, offset terms
- 34 seats up for election this year
  - 20 Republican-held
    - Toss-ups include
      - Richard Burr, NC (retiring)
      - Pat Toomey, PA (retiring)
      - Ron Johnson, WI
  - 14 Democrat-held
    - Toss-ups include:
      - Mark Kelly, AZ
      - Raphael Warnock, GA
      - Catherine Cortez-Masto, NV
Agency Advocacy Opportunities

**NSF**
- TIP Directorate
- Building New Relationships
- Convergence Science

**IES**
- 20th anniversary
- Release of NASEM reports:
  - NBES
  - ESRA Reauthorization

**NIH**
- ARPA-H
- UNITE monitoring/follow-up
- BRAIN - building on conversations with Dr. Ngai
- New Director
  - Dr. Collins reflections
  - Suggesting questions for confirmation hearings

**Ongoing**
- Responding to Requests for Information
- Providing input for strategic plans
- Connecting the dots on funding opportunities
Connecting Research to Policy

Tools
• Public Scholarship Toolkit
  • Opportunities
  • Education and Resources
• PIBBS
• FABBS Newsletter
• Contact us: info@fabbs.org
• Advocacy vs. Lobbying

Opportunities
• Requests for Information (RFIs)
  • Convergence Accelerator Topics
• Strategic Plans
• Reviewer
• Rotator

Effective communication with policymakers and practitioners takes a unique skillset, and many scientists may not feel they have the tools to get started. FABBS has compiled and developed these resources to help researchers engage with policymakers and translate their work for a broader audience. As a great starting point, check out the Scholars Strategy Network’s Best Practices for Communicating Research Clearly to understand how to best connect research to policy and practice.

Please Contact FABBS with questions and feedback!

Learn more about how to:
• Connect to Congress
• Communicate with Federal Agencies
• Draft Policy Briefs
• Write and Place an Op-Ed
• Raise the Profile of Behavioral Science on Campus

Current Opportunities for Engagement

NIH UNITE Listening Sessions – NIH Stakeholders Discuss Racial & Ethnic Equity (Jan 11 - Feb 1)
NIH RFI: Research Challenges and Needs in the Biobehavioral Mechanisms of Aggression (Jan 30)
NSF Request for Information on Future Topics for Convergence Accelerator (Feb 28)
Congressional Social Determinants of Health Caucus Briefing Proposals (Ongoing)
Takeaways & Discussion

• Be Proactive
• Build Relationships
• Use the Resources You Have

How can we help you?

• What are the biggest challenges?
• What do you need to be more effective?
How can we better help you?

How you can help us:

• What do we need to be aware of to effectively advocate for our sciences?
• What are the key roadblocks to conducting strong research?

THANK YOU!