



FASEB Statement in Response to FY 2026 Administration Budget Request

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The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), a coalition of 22 biological and biomedical societies representing 110,000 individual scientists, has grave concerns about the administration's fiscal year (FY) 2026 budget request and urges Congress to reject this proposal. If enacted, the unprecedented 40 and nearly 60 percent cuts to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) respectively will severely erode progress in biomedical and biological research.

In March, more than 50 advocates representing FASEB societies [went](#) to Capitol Hill and asked Congress to provide at least \$51.3 billion for NIH, a [recommendation](#) supported by over 525 organizations, and \$16.7 billion for NSF, the 2025 authorized [level](#) for the agency in the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act. These critical funds will support cutting-edge research and train the next generation of scientists.

FASEB is profoundly grateful for Congress's bipartisan commitment to NIH over the last decade. Continuing the strong and robust investments in research by funding grants for highly skilled people committing their careers to scientific discovery and supporting the facilities and administrative costs critical to supporting this work at academic and medical institutions is the best path forward

The U.S. spends less on research and development than many countries. If the U.S. is to be prepared to respond to future threats, our scientific leadership must progress which is only possible by continuing federal funding for NIH and NSF. FASEB's [FY 2026 funding recommendations](#) will put science agencies on a path of sustained, predictable, and robust budget increases that will enable discoveries to improve and protect our health. In addition, FASEB [Federal Funding Factsheets](#), detail the direct financial impacts of funding for NIH, NSF, and other agencies on each state and Congressional districts.

FASEB issued an [e-action alert](#) encouraging members of the scientific community to urge their members of Congress to reject the administration's budget and approve FASEB's funding requests. Now is the time for researchers to make their voices heard. The future of the Nation's research enterprise depends on it.