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FASEB Statement in Response to FY 2027 Administration Budget Request

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The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), a coalition of 20 biological and biomedical societies representing over 100,000 individual scientists, has grave concerns about the administration's fiscal year (FY) 2027 budget request and urges Congress to reject this proposal. If enacted, the 12 percent cut to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the nearly 55 percent cut to the National Science Foundation (NSF) budgets will severely erode progress in biomedical and biological research and the development of new treatments and cures.

In March, 43 volunteer scientific leaders representing 19 of FASEB's 20 member societies from 25 states met with nearly 100 congressional offices to advocate for the federation's FY 2027 federal agency funding recommendations as follows:

- **NIH** –at least \$51.3 billion, [a recommendation](#) supported by 561 organizations and representing a \$4.0867 billion or 8.7 percent increase over the FY 2026 enacted funding level
- **NSF** – at least \$11.89 billion to return to funding levels previously authorized 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 and ensuring U.S. leadership in foundational biological and biomedical research

FASEB is grateful for Congress's bipartisan commitment to NIH over the last decade and acknowledges bipartisan Congressional efforts to achieve a \$415 million increase in FY 2026 to the agency to counter inflation and sharply rising research costs. Continuing strong and robust investments in research by funding grants to further our understanding of scientific concepts underlying human health and disease and support development of highly skilled researchers to conduct such research are critical to both the physical and economic health of the Nation. FASEB encourages Congress to continue to reject proposals to increase multi-year grant funding, similar to actions taken in the final FY 2026 appropriations bills.

FASEB also encourages Congress to prevent Administration efforts that could cause irreparable harm to the research ecosystem, including proposals to cap Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs for research institutions at 15 percent and efforts to restrict communication of research findings based on cost rather than uphold scientific integrity. F&A costs are expenditures incurred by academic and medical institutions as part of their role in supporting federally funded research across a variety of disciplines. FASEB supports the [efforts of the Joint Associations Group on Indirect Costs](#) – a coalition of 10 national organizations – to develop [a new model to increase transparency in how F&A costs are calculated and expenses covered](#).

Additionally, given the proposed budget is critical of research dollars going to high priced publishers and the need to ensure accessibility of research funded by taxpayers, FASEB strongly recommends community consultation to understand the full implications of proposed changes in the current fee publication structure before any sudden changes take place. Care should also be taken not to harm the



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research integrity that underlies peer reviewed scholarly publications, and efforts to focus only on driving to the lowest-cost solutions .

In conclusion, 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 2027 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.

Now is the time for researchers to make their voices heard along with the 95 percent of voters who believe it is important for the U.S. to be the global leader in medical research cross party lines. ¹ The future of the Nation's research enterprise depends on it.

¹ [MEMO: Spring 2026 Polling — United For Cures](#)