

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its first bipartisan [bill](#) in 7 years. This bill funds NIH at the \$34 billion level, a \$2 billion addition to the NIH's budget. Included in this increase is \$1.39 billion for Alzheimer's research and \$250 million for the [BRAIN](#) initiative. Ultimately, both halves of Congress need to agree to a funding level before the president can sign it into law.

Don't forget to [register](#) for a webinar entitled "Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study" hosted by the American Brain Coalition to be held on June 28, 2016.

Please see the attached invitation to a Congressional Neuroscience Caucus Briefing on A Precision Medicine Approach to Mental Illness on June 29, 2016 at 12:00pm in the Cannon Caucus Room hosted by the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology and the American Brain Coalition.

### **IN THE NEWS**

- The Obama administration released an [Impact Report](#) on the 100 Examples of President Obama's Leadership in Science, Technology, and Innovation. The BRAIN Initiative is highlighted as one of these examples.
- NIH researchers developed a technique that provides new insight into stroke. Using this technique, they [demonstrated](#) an association between the extent of disruption to the brain's protective blood-brain barrier and the severity of bleeding following invasive stroke therapy.
- Other studies have revealed that [gender-specific diagnostic tools](#) can help identify women at highest risk for suicide, the role of [gut bacteria](#) in the development of the prefrontal cortex and the [benefits of a brief course of psychotherapy](#) to mothers who suffer from major depression.
- Research [suggests](#) that short morphine treatments can heighten and prolong pain in rats with nerve injuries.
- Scientists have [examined](#) the effects of prenatal nicotine exposure on odds of schizophrenia in children.
- BIO has launched a [site](#) and [video](#) that highlights the value of biopharmaceutical innovation and how it improves the lives of patients and their families.
- [BIO](#) and Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD) released a new [report](#), Key Considerations for Developing and Integrating Patient Perspectives in Drug Development: Examination of the Duchenne Care Study.
- [BIO](#) has released a set of [infographics](#) to highlight the value of biopharmaceutical innovation, including the impact on [Alzheimer's disease](#), [cancer](#), and [HIV/AIDS](#).
- Parkinson's disease is often thought of as an "old man's illness," but it affects young women, too. Two women [share](#) what it's like to live with Parkinson's, and why it won't get the best of them.
- The International Essential Tremor Foundation ([IETF](#)) has awarded scholarships to [four students](#) affected by essential tremors.
- The [NIH Human Connectome Project](#) celebrates the completion of its first phase!
- There is [new research](#) that highlights the role of the bloodstream in aging research.
- The Furthering Access to Stroke Telemedicine (FAST) Act has gained more than a 100 cosponsors. Read about this and other [advocacy efforts](#) by the American Academy of Neurology ([AAN](#)).
- The NIH welcomes 52 young scientists to year-long medical research scholars program. Read more about this program [here](#).

### **FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS**

- The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research is currently [hiring](#).
- The Food and Drug Administration welcomes patient advocacy organizations to organize externally-led Patient Focused Drug Development initiative ([PFDD](#)) meetings. Details are available [here](#).
- BIO's editorial website, [BIOtechNOW](#), provides the opportunity for patient advocacy organization to submit guest blog posts to highlight initiatives and bring awareness to their missions. If your organization would like to submit a guest blog post, please contact Gautami Inamdar at [ginamdar@bio.org](mailto:ginamdar@bio.org).
- The Friends of the National Institute on Aging is [hosting](#) an educational briefing 'Advancing the Health of an Aging Population: Groundbreaking Research Supported by the NIA' to be held on Thursday, June 30, 2016.
- The deadline for submitting an abstract for [AAAP's](#) Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium has been extended to July 1, 2016. Please click [here](#) to submit your abstract.

- Dr. Elan Louis at Yale University is spearheading an important new research initiative to better understand the lifestyle habits of essential tremor families. Please call (203) 785-2086 or e-mail [rulet@yale.edu](mailto:rulet@yale.edu) for more details.
- [Registration](#) for the Rally for Medical Research Hill Day is now open.
- Attend two Congressional briefings entitled “The Nation’s Opioid Addiction and Overdose Crisis” and “Next Generation Biotechnology: New Tools, New Opportunities” to be held on June 30, 2016. To RSVP, please contact Sarah Timm at [stimm@acnp.org](mailto:stimm@acnp.org).
- The [American Neurological Association](#) is accepting abstract submissions for Works in Progress ([WIP](#)), to be considered for the 141st Annual Meeting, which will be held October 16-18, 2016 in Baltimore, MD. The deadline to submit is July 15, 2016.
- [Registration](#) is now open for the annual meeting of [ASCP](#).
- [Join](#) the “Brain Waves” Q&A on Mental Health through Social Health” to be held on June 24, 2016.
- [Attend](#) a webinar entitled “Autism: Understanding the Causes and Developing Effective Treatments” to be held on August 9, 2016.