



THE AD HOC GROUP FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

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Ad Hoc Group Statement on NIH Funding in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026

Feb. 3, 2026 – The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research issued the following statement regarding funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (H.R. 7148).

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research commends leaders of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittees, for prioritizing medical research funding in the FY 2026 spending bill. By reaching a bipartisan, bicameral agreement to increase NIH funding, Congress has affirmed that investing in the National Institutes of Health and the health of the American people remains a strong national priority. Sustained NIH investment advances patient care, drives scientific discovery, fuels economic growth, and secures U.S. leadership in research and emerging technologies, while supporting local economies in nearly every congressional district.

We greatly appreciate that the bill funds all of NIH's existing institutes and centers, preserves support for critical research infrastructure, avoids arbitrary restrictions on specific types of research, and establishes parameters for potentially frontloading research awards, helping to prevent disruptions to critical research and avoid further declines in the number of grantees.

Patients and families today have more options in the face of devastating diagnoses than at any other time in history as a direct result of the bipartisan national commitment to NIH over the years. While more work remains, scientific opportunity abounds. We are grateful to Congress for their tireless work in FY 2026 and stand ready to work with lawmakers and the administration to ensure the investment in FY 2027 and beyond meets that opportunity.

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of over 500 patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry. The Ad Hoc Group has one mission: to enhance the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research by increasing the funding for the National Institutes of Health.