

September 2025 – Medical Research Month Activities Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1 Labor Day</p>	<p>2 Labor Day Spotlight – Highlight the NIH Research Workforce</p> <p>Organization Spotlight – Attend FASEB Advocacy Town Hall Meeting</p>	<p>3 Associations Have Members Write Members of Congress Ahead of House Labor-HHS Markup</p> <p>Thank Senators That Supported Senate Labor-HHS Bill</p>	<p>4 Watch/Attend House Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee Markup – Engage Your Member of Congress on Social Media</p>	<p>5 Campaign Spotlight – United for Cures</p>
<p>8 Register to participate in the Rally for Medical Research – Deadline Today</p>	<p>9 Amplify Association/Ad Hoc Group Statements Following House Appropriations Committee Markup</p> <p>Organization Spotlight – AIRI Capitol Hill Advocacy Day</p> <p>Organization Spotlight – Michael J. Fox Foundation Virtual Day of Action</p>	<p>10 Organization Spotlight – Elevate Michael J. Fox Foundation Policy Forum</p>	<p>11 Associations Have Members Record Videos on Why Medical Research Matters</p>	<p>12 Campaign Spotlight – See What Matters</p>
<p>15 Introduction of Medical Research Week Resolution - Amplify Medical Research Week Resolution and Activities</p>	<p>16 Amplify Medical Research Week Resolution and Activities</p> <p>Organization Spotlight – ACS CAN Lobby Day</p> <p>Organization Spotlight – Attend FASEB Advocacy Town Hall Meeting</p> <p>Organization Spotlight – Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Capitol Hill Day</p> <p>Event Spotlight – Elevate and tune in to watch the 2025 Golden Goose Award Ceremony.</p>	<p>17 Amplify Medical Research Week Resolution and Activities</p> <p>Organization Spotlight – Research!America’s 30th Annual National Health Research Forum In-person Meeting</p> <p>Organization Spotlight – FARA and NAF United Against Ataxia Hill Day</p> <p>Organization Spotlight – NAEVR/AEVR Hill Day</p>	<p>18 Amplify Medical Research Week Resolution and Activities</p> <p>Organization Spotlight – Participate in the Rally for Medical Research</p>	<p>19 Advocacy Spotlight – Recap Association and Individual Membership Activities Over Medical Research Week</p> <p>Campaign Spotlight – Cures not Cuts</p>

<p>22 Write Your Member of Congress, Spotlighting Your Research and Highlighting Importance of Robust NIH Funding.</p>	<p>23 Association State Spotlight (Maine) – Highlight Research Taking Place Across Key States</p> <p>Encourage members across the country to highlight individual research</p>	<p>24 Association State Spotlight (West Virginia) – Highlight Research Taking Place Across Key States</p> <p>Encourage members across the country to highlight individual research</p>	<p>25 Association State Spotlight (Oklahoma) – Highlight Research Taking Place Across Key States</p> <p>Encourage members across the country to highlight individual research</p> <p>Organization Spotlight – AGA Advocacy Day</p>	<p>26 Association State Spotlight (Alabama) – Highlight Research Taking Place Across Key States</p> <p>Encourage members across the country to highlight individual research</p> <p>Campaign Spotlight – United for Science</p>
<p>29 Association State Spotlight– (Louisiana) Highlight Research Taking Place Across Key States</p> <p>Encourage members across the country to highlight individual research</p>	<p>30 Associations have membership write Members of Congress to Highlight End of Fiscal Year and Urge Robust Funding for NIH</p>			

As we prepare for Congress to return from August recess, the Ad Hoc Group has developed this shared calendar to coordinate and amplify NIH advocacy efforts across our community. This calendar highlight events, Hill days, campaigns, and other initiatives showcasing the value of NIH-supported research, including activations to Members of Congress to support robust funding for NIH.

If your organization is planning any September activities related to NIH research advocacy, please email Andrew Herrin at aherrin@aamc.org to be included on the Calendar.

Important Congressional Dates

September 2 – Congress returns from August recess.

September 4 – Expected House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) Appropriations Subcommittee markup of NIH spending bill.

September 9 – Expected full House Appropriations Committee markup of NIH spending bill.

September 15-19 – Introduction of Medical Research Week Resolution.

September 22-26 – House and Senate on recess.

September 30 – End of fiscal year.

September Events

September 2 & 16 – Attend Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Town Hall Meetings and [register here](#).

September 3 – Research!America’s 30th Annual [National Health Research Forum](#) Virtual Early Career Session.

September 8 – Deadline to [register](#) for 2025 Rally for Medical Research.

September 9 – Association of Independent Research Institutes (AIRI) Capitol Hill Advocacy Day.

September 9 - Michael J. Fox Foundation Virtual Day of Action.

September 9-10 – Michael J. Fox Policy Forum focused on investment and advancements in Parkinson’s research.

September 10 – Research!America’s 30th Annual [National Health Research Forum](#) Virtual General Session.

September 16 – American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) Lobby Day.

September 16 - Organization Spotlight – Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Capitol Hill Day.

September 16 – Tune in and watch the [2025 Golden Goose Award Ceremony](#).

September 16-17 – National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (NAEVR)/Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (AEVR) Emerging Vision Science Program.

September 17 – NAEVR/AEVR Hill Day.

September 17 – Research!America’s 30th Annual [National Health Research Forum](#) In-person Meeting.

September 17 – Friedreich’s Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) and National Ataxia Foundation (NAF) United Against Ataxia Hill Day.

September 18 – Participate in [Rally for Medical Research](#).

September 25 – American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Advocacy Day.

September 30 – American Association of Immunologists (AAI) Congressional Briefing (12:00pm – 1:00 PM ET) on “Investing in Cures: Past Triumphs and Future Opportunities to Harness the Immune System to Fight Cancer.”

September Activations

September 2 – Celebrate the Research Workforce – To coincide with Labor Day highlight the wide range of medical researchers and professionals supported by NIH.

September 3 – Write your Member of Congress on the importance of NIH funding and share impacts of NIH Cuts ahead of House Labor-HHS markup of NIH spending bill.

September 4 – Issue Statements and amplify Ad Hoc Group statement following House Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee markup of NIH spending bill.

September 5 – Campaign Spotlight – Highlight United for Cures Campaign Across Social Media Channels

September 8 – Amplify Rally for Medical Research and encourage membership to register.

September 9 - Issue Statements and amplify Ad Hoc Group Statement following full House Appropriations Committee markup of NIH spending bill.

September 9 – Organization Spotlight– Michael J. Fox Foundation Virtual Day of Action

September 10 – Organization spotlight – Michael J. Fox Foundation Policy Forum.

September 11 – Associations have membership record videos on why medical research matters.

September 12 – Campaign Spotlight – Highlight [See What Matters Campaign](#) across social media channels.

September 15-19 – Amplify Medical Research Week Resolution and activities and write your Members of Congress on the importance of NIH funding.

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September 18 – Organization spotlight – Participate in Rally for Medical Research.

September 19 – Advocacy Spotlight – Recap association and individual membership activities over medical research week. Campaign Spotlight – Highlight Cures not Cuts Campaign across social media channels.

September 22 – Write your Member of Congress.

September 23-29 – State spotlights (aim is to target key legislators in positions of influence over NIH funding) – Oklahoma, Maine, West Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana. Have members highlight NIH research across the country.

September 26 – Campaign Spotlight – Highlight United for Science Campaign across social media channels.

September 30 – Associations have membership write Members of Congress to highlight end of fiscal year and urge Congress to provide robust funding for NIH.

Suggested Member of Congress and Social Media Activation Toolkit

- Write Your Member of Congress – [Find My Representative](#), [Contacting U.S. Senators](#)

I am a member of the medical research community writing to urge you to prioritize and support funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the fiscal year 2026 HHS spending bill.

Medical research has led to countless critical advances helping ALL Americans live longer, healthier lives. Americans know this: in a recent Washington Post-ABC News poll, 77% of respondents said they oppose cuts to medical research. Nearly every test, treatment, or cure used today in health care can be traced back to NIH-funded research at universities, independent research institutes, industry, and other labs nationwide. Some examples include:

- More than 488 clinical trials on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.
- Improvements in cancer detection, treatment and prevention that have saved more than 3.5 million lives over the past 20 years.
- Research leading to a 40% decline in infant mortality rates over the past 20 years.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that a 10 percent cut in NIH funding would result in 4.5 percent decrease in the number of new drugs coming to market, with most of the impact decades in the future. Cuts of this magnitude would stifle progress toward advancements that could save lives for generations.

Not only would we lose ground toward cures, new technologies, and other innovation, but less research in the U.S. would also have detrimental economic and strategic consequences, such as:

- Threatening American dominance and long-term competitiveness against global competitors in medical research discovery, particularly as countries like China continue to boost their research funding and research infrastructure.
- Ceding to other nations American companies’ competitive advantage as a catalyst of new industries that save lives, improve Americans’ health, create new jobs, and protect national security.
- Slowing economic growth and reducing employment.

Please fight for the continued growth and development of American biomedical research and solidify our nation as the world leader in health care innovation and discovery. The health and lives of American patients and families depend on it.

- **Labor Day Spotlight**
 - This Labor Day, we celebrate the NIH-supported research workforce, the scientists, staff, trainees, and administrators behind every discovery. Their work saves lives. Let’s keep funding their future. #FundNIH

- **Share Impacts of NIH-cuts**
 - NIH cuts threaten research across [your research focus]. From [disease area] to innovations in medical research, sustained funding is critical to protect patient progress and support researchers nationwide. #FundNIH
- **Campaign Spotlight**
 - Today's #CampaignSpotlight: [Organization]'s [Campaign Name], showing how #NIH support leads to breakthroughs in [disease/research area]. Together, we advocate for discovery and a healthier future for all. #FundNIH
- **Research Spotlight**
 - My research on [disease/condition] would not exist without NIH support. This research is saving lives and is why we need robust NIH funding. #FundNIH
- **Organization Event Spotlight**
 - NIH-supported research is making a difference in every state including at [Organization name], where scientists are tackling [topic] to improve lives. #FundNIH
 - Include specific call out for organization events.
- **State Spotlight**
 - Highlight states of key Members of Congress including Oklahoma, Maine, Alabama, West Virginia, Louisiana. Augment to include your organization's research taking place across your organization's membership.
 - In [State], NIH-funded research leads to better treatments, clinical trials, and healthier futures for patients and families. Every dollar invested in NIH brings us closer to cures and every cut puts that progress at risk. #FundNIH