



WHO WE ARE :: Research!America is the nation's largest not-for-profit 501(c)3 public education and advocacy alliance working to elevate medical progress to a higher national priority. Founded in 1989, the alliance works to increase public and policymaker awareness of the health and economic benefits of medical and health research, and to build a strong base of citizen support for research and innovation. We are supported by membership dues, program partnerships, fundraising events and individual gifts. Our 350-plus organizational membership is comprised of stakeholders across the research ecosystem: academia, industry, patient advocacy organizations, scientific societies, academic health centers, independent research institutes, and foundations.

We work to ensure that Congress and the administration support the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and National Science Foundation (NSF) at funding levels that keep pace with scientific opportunity. We also work to foster a legislative and regulatory climate that stimulates innovation and growth in industry research and development.

LEADERSHIP :: Research!America's Board of Directors includes former Members of Congress and federal agency directors with track records as true champions of medical and health research. Other board members are among the nation's most respected leaders from academia, patient advocacy organizations, scientific societies, academic health centers, industry, independent research institutes, think tanks and media.

Research!America is chaired by the Honorable John Edward Porter. Mary Woolley is President and CEO.





PRIMARY GOALS :: Ensure strong public and private sector investment in medical and health research as warranted by scientific opportunity and supported by public opinion. :: Inform policymakers and influencers of the health and economic benefits of research to accelerate medical progress. :: Encourage patients, scientists and the general public to advocate for medical and health research.

INITIATIVES :: We develop a variety of advocacy tools including fact sheets and reports, regularly meet with policymakers and key staff, and convene thought leaders to help develop the case for robust R&D funding and policy. We also host roundtable discussions, regional forums, Capitol Hill briefings, salon breakfasts and dinners, and other events with partner organizations to raise awareness of the benefits of public sector and private sector-funded research. Our nationally recognized publications, opinion editorials and other materials support the advocacy of member organizations and are distributed to policymakers and congressional staff. Research!America leadership and spokespersons are regularly quoted in print, online and broadcast media. Our annual National Health Research Forum is a highly anticipated gathering of leaders representing all sectors of the research community. Our annual Advocacy Awards Dinner honors individuals and organizations for their tireless advocacy on behalf of research. For each election cycle, Research!America's award-winning *Ask Your Candidates!* national voter education initiative encourages candidates for the presidency and Congress to state their views on medical and health research, a platform that helps to cultivate champions for research and innovation in Washington.

PUBLIC OPINION POLLING :: Since 1992, Research!America has regularly commissioned national, state-based and issue-specific polls to track Americans' views on research and health. Poll data demonstrate that a majority of Americans believe accelerating our nation's investment in medical and health research should be a higher national priority.

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