

# The Research

A D V O C A T E

Bringing Research Closer to Home

## Baltimore To Receive 2009 Builders of Science Award

David Baltimore, PhD, will be the recipient of Research!America's **Builders of Science Award** at the 2009 Advocacy Awards Gala on March 24 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium.



David Baltimore, PhD

This award recognizes leaders in medical and health research who either worked to establish a research facility or substantially revitalized an existing institution.

Baltimore has done both: founding the **Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research** and serving as president of the **California Institute of Technology**.

In 1980, **Jack Whitehead** (who co-founded Research!America) approached Baltimore, the 1975 Nobel Prize winner for Physiology or Medicine, about creating an innovative institution focused on basic research.

"He offered me the opportunity to start a small research institute, which he would fund," Baltimore writes. Small indeed.

The Whitehead Institute is now one of the world's premier research facilities.

After serving in various posts including president of the **Rockefeller Institute and American Association for the Advancement of Science**, Baltimore took a post at Caltech. As president from 1997 to 2006, he helped raise more than a billion dollars for research and facilities in addition to providing exceptional leadership.

Baltimore continues his dynamic

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## Renewed Gates Foundation Support, Nominate a Rogers Society Ambassador

The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** has awarded Research!America's **Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research** an additional \$1.4 million.

This ongoing support will enable us to continue to build and engage our national network of global health



research advocates known as Ambassadors.

Nominations are being accepted now for the next

group of 25 Ambassadors. In strategic consultation with Research!America, these leading researchers will meet with



The Hon. Paul G. Rogers

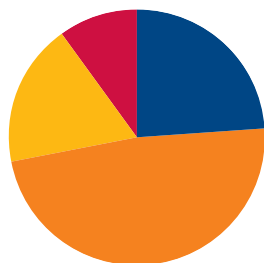
policymakers and the media to personalize the value and importance of global health research to the U.S. and to their home states.

We need champions for global health research. Visit [www.researchamerica.org/08pgr](http://www.researchamerica.org/08pgr) nominations for information on

nominating an outstanding citizen-scientist as Ambassador in the Rogers Society. **Nominations close September 15, 2008.**

## AMERICA Speaks

If your elected official were to support an increase in the US government's spending on research to improve health globally, would you be...?



### Global Health Research as an Election Issue

Much more likely to re-elect that official	24%
Somewhat more likely to re-elect that official	48%
Somewhat less likely to re-elect that official	18%
Much less likely to re-elect that official	10%

# New ON THE Web

[www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org)

Our **Research Funding by State** has been updated to include FY07 data. [www.researchamerica.org/state\\_funding](http://www.researchamerica.org/state_funding).

Show your support for **Research!America** and **Your Candidates—Your Health** on **Facebook**. [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

Research!America's "Investment in Research Saves Lives and Money" fact sheet series is part of **The Hill's White Paper Portal**. [www.thehill.com/whitepapers/researchamerica/](http://www.thehill.com/whitepapers/researchamerica/).

The **Allen Institute for Brain Science**, a Research!America member, has unveiled the world's first genome-wide map of a mouse's spinal cord. [www.alleninstitute.org](http://www.alleninstitute.org).

Look for the avatar of **CDC Director Julie Louise Gerberding, MD, MPH**, on *Second Life*.

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### About Research!America

Research!America is the nation's largest 501(c)(3) public education and advocacy alliance working to make research to improve health a higher national priority. Founded in 1989, Research!America is supported by 500 member institutions, businesses and organizations that together represent the voices of more than 125 million Americans. Our public opinion polls, advocacy programs and publications reach the public and decision makers to help advance medical, health and scientific research.

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# Members T A K E Action

## University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine



**James L. Madara, MD**

*At the University of Chicago, in an atmosphere of interdisciplinary scholarship and discovery, the Pritzker School of Medicine is dedicated to inspiring diverse students of exceptional promise to become leaders and innovators in science and medicine for the betterment of humanity.*

The **Pritzker School of Medicine**, ranked 16th in the 2008 *U.S. News & World Report* "Best

Graduate Schools" issue, continuously earns the distinction of being one of the world's preeminent research facilities not only by increasing funding and recruiting some of the world's best researchers but also by creating countless opportunities for interdisciplinary work.

At the **University of Chicago Medical Center**, there is a unique and extraordinary structure that fosters close collaboration and tight integration between students, clinicians and researchers, and between the sciences.

"Scientific discovery is advancing more rapidly than ever, especially at the interface between the biological sciences and the physical and social sciences," said **James L. Madara, MD**, CEO of the medical center, university vice president for Medical Affairs, and dean, Division of the Biological Sciences and Pritzker School of Medicine. "From the neurosciences to genetics to cancer biology, important and far-reaching discoveries are changing the face of medicine."

Madara said the university's research extends from the basic biology of disease to the bedside and into the community. The research that keeps the University of Chicago at the forefront of medicine is translated into needed care every day across the south side of Chicago.

"Under the leadership of **Michelle Obama**, we have created a unique collaboration with 19 local healthcare centers so our world class medical expertise becomes patient care where it is needed, when it is needed," Madara said.

Obama, the wife of presidential candidate Barack Obama, is on leave from her position as vice president for community and external affairs at the medical center.

"Tomorrow's exceptional patient care must be fueled by today's research," Madara said. "And the University of Chicago has some of the world's finest researchers."

The university ranks fifth in the country in **National Institutes of Health** funding/per faculty member, first in the number of **Howard Hughes Medical Institute** investigators per capita and

*'Tomorrow's exceptional patient care must be fueled by today's research.'*

fifth in the number of **National Academy of Sciences** members per capita. HHMI is also a Research!America member.

Truly original inquiry leads to fundamental discoveries, Madara noted. The medical school has produced a plethora of such discoveries, generated by a relatively small faculty when compared to other academic medical centers. The school places a premium on excellence, not size.

The University of Chicago Medical Center is a supporting partner in Research!America's voter education initiative, *Your Candidates—Your Health*, and is a benefactor of our **Eugene Garfield Economic Impact of Health and Medical Research Award** that will be presented at the Newseum in Washington, DC, in October.

"Anything that shines a spotlight on this award and the vital link between healthcare and research has our total support," Madara said. "It opens up new opportunities for scientific imagination and collaboration."

For more information, visit <http://pritzker.bsd.uchicago.edu>.

## ScienceBlogs Achieves Record Growth

ScienceBlogs, the nation's largest online science community, announced that its readership has topped 14 million people in the past six months, an unprecedented increase. ScienceBlogs consists of 90 blogs in the U.S. and around the world that focus on science and technology issues.

## Investing in Global Health Research

*The Lansing State Journal* (Michigan) published an op-ed by Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research Ambassador Gretchen Birbeck, MD, MPH, DTMH. Birbeck explained that the epidemics that affect other countries could spread to the U.S. — just one more reason it is important to invest in research for global health.

In *Monitoring Financial Flows for Health Research 2007*, published by the Global Forum for Health Research, Research!America's Mary Woolley, Stacie Propst, PhD, and Emily Connelly explain that "While the vast majority of Americans (97%) think it's important for the U.S. to be a global leader in scientific research, 65% believe that the U.S. is losing its global competitive edge in innovation."

## Your Candidates—Your Health in the News

Research!America's *Your Candidates—Your Health* 2008 initiative received front page coverage in the August issue of *The Nation's Health* newspaper, published by the American Public Health Association. Michele Late, executive editor, wrote about health care reform and the important role research plays in improving our health care system. She quoted Mary Woolley, "I encourage health professionals to call the campaigns of candidates and offer to serve on their health advisory committees, and to offer to help create one if none exists."

The voter education initiative also received coverage in *Chicago Life Magazine's* fall 2008 issue. The article "Red, White, and Budget Cuts: How Politics are Tied to Biomedical Research" discusses the connection between federal and private funding for research. It encourages readers to find out where their candidates stand on research and to become advocates.

Additional media coverage includes *The Lancet* (online), the *Chronicle of Philanthropy's* Campaign 2008 Web site, several political blogs, congressional candidates' blogs and Research!America partner publications the *AAMC Reporter*, the *Neuroscience Quarterly*, the *Neuroscience Nexus*, the *ASPH Friday Letter*, *FasterCures Smart Brief*, the *American Heart Association's Advocacy Pulse* and *Volunteer Advocate* e-newsletters and the *Oral Health America* e-newsletter.



*PARADE.com* is running ads about *Your Candidates—Your Health* through Election Day. The ads are featured on the site's home page and Intelligence Report and Money sections. An ad appeared in *The Hill* newspaper issues published during the Democratic and Republican conventions.

## How to become a Better Voter

In a recent issue, *PARADE* magazine featured "How to Be A Better Voter," an article by George Stephanopoulos, host of *ABC News* "This Week" and former White House adviser. Stephanopoulos highlights a few steps to becoming an informed voter, from knowing what matters to you to balancing out a candidate's experience and what his or her positions are.



It is just two months until the election—do you know where your candidates stand on research? Have you engaged with those run-

ning for Congress in your area and weighed in with the presidential campaigns? Along with our 40+ partners, we urge you to consult, promulgate and act on what you learn via our voter education initiative, [www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org). After the election, join us in Washington for a de-briefing and forward-planning session on November 11. Regardless of who wins, there will be many new leadership roles to fill, and a new Administration and new Congress will be determining top priorities. It is critical that the research stakeholder community be organized and ready to engage. (Watch our Web site for details.)

Research underpins Americans' top concerns—health certainly, but also the economy. Over the next months, we will be emphasizing how research is critical to continued success as a nation. One is the economic impact, or "pay off," of research. We will honor the seventh recipient of our Eugene Garfield Economic Impact of Medical and Health Research Award at the Newseum in Washington, DC, on October 14. (See [www.researchamerica.org/economicimpact\\_award](http://www.researchamerica.org/economicimpact_award).)

Research also intersects with the cost of health care. The more we hear about the broken health care system, with pain to our nation's wallet and our personal health, the more determined we are to connect the dots between investing in research and making health care systems smart. The smarter we make health care, the more cost-effective and affordable it will be. Getting smarter means putting research to work.

Mary Woolley

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## Champions Take Action

With less than a month to go before the end of the fiscal year, Congress is not expected to pass any more appropriations bills. However, champions of research are applying other strategies to support research to improve health.

**Sens. Arlen Specter (PA) and Tom Harkin (IA)**, ranking member and chair of the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, introduced the **NIH Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill** to provide an additional \$5.2 billion for the **National Institutes of Health** in FY08.

Specter called current funding for NIH “grossly insufficient” and urged Congress to do something about “this scandalous situation.” The bill is intended to restore the NIH’s purchasing power.

NIH Director **Elias A. Zerhouni, MD**, said additional funding would “protect the next generation of scientists, invest in more integrated science and collaboration, and encourage innovation.”

Harkin insisted that Congress support scientists “as they search for treatments and cures that could provide hope to millions of Americans.”

The Senate is also working on a supplemental appropriations bill to follow the first supplemental, which included \$150 million for NIH and was signed into law in June. Harkin, as chair of the

LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee, proposed a \$500 million increase in NIH funding for 2008 to be included in the second supplemental bill.

## NIH Advocacy Update

After returning from their August recess, Congress is expected to pass a continuing resolution to keep the government running into 2009. Advocates are calling on Congress to support increased funding for health research. Research!America signed on to a letter from the **Coalition for Health Funding** calling on Congress to provide the highest funding levels for each public health agency in the CR. To sign on, visit [www.sign-CHF.org](http://www.sign-CHF.org).

## CPH Revamps ‘Rain’ Ad

In addition to several Hill meetings in August, **Campaign for Public Health**



staff began the complex process of launching six new variations of its 2007 advertisement featuring a family under an umbrella while words rain down on them; the words

describe public health threats from which the CDC protects us. The new ads will have the same look, but the headings and rain words will reflect specific areas of focus within the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**.

CPH also published its 2007 Annual Report in August, available at [www.FundCDC.org](http://www.FundCDC.org).

## 2009 FEDERAL RESEARCH BUDGET

Agency	President's Request	% Change from 2008	House Approps.	% Change from 2008	Senate Approps.	% Change from 2008
NIH*	\$28.9 billion	No change	\$30.1 billion	+4.0%	\$30.0 billion	+3.5%
CDC**	\$6.0 billion	-7.4%	\$6.6 billion	+2.4%	\$6.5 billion	+1.2%
NSF	\$6.9 billion	+13.0%	\$6.9 billion	+13.0%	\$6.9 billion	+13.0%
AHRQ	\$326 million	-2.7%	\$375 million	+12.1%	\$335 million	No change
VA	\$442 million	-7.9%	\$500 million	+4.2%	\$527 million	+9.8%

\* Does not include money for the Global HIV/AIDS Fund, which is appropriated to NIH but is not available for research.  
\*\* Reflects the CDC core program budget, including non-discretionary funding. For more information on the CDC budget, please visit [www.FundCDC.org](http://www.FundCDC.org).

## Presidential Candidates Share Their Views on Research

Republican presidential candidate **Sen. John McCain** recently shared his stances on health, science and research in *Your Candidates—Your Health*. He joins Democratic candidate **Sen.**



Sen. John McCain



Sen. Barack Obama

**Barack Obama**, who responded earlier. Nearly 200 congressional candidates have also declared their positions through the online voter education initiative, and others are being invited as their state primaries take place. To view responses, visit [www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org).

From now until the election, *Your Candidates—Your Health* will be promot-

ed on *PARADE.com*, reaching millions of Americans. Also, the initiative is being advertised in *The Hill* newspaper during the Democratic and Republican national conventions. Many of the more than 45 partner organizations are promoting the initiative, including **American Heart Association, American Public Health Association, Association of American Medical Colleges, Association of Schools of Public Health, FasterCures, Muscular Dystrophy Association, National Alliance for Hispanic Health and Society for Neuroscience**. See this month's insert for ways you can get involved.

In other election news, **ScienceDebate2008** is asking the presidential candidates to answer 14 questions about science, research and innovation at [www.sciencedebate2008.com](http://www.sciencedebate2008.com),



and in a national debate. **Scientists and Engineers for America** is similarly asking congressional candidates to answer seven questions at [www.sharp.sefora.org](http://www.sharp.sefora.org).

After the election, join Research!America and our partners in Washington for a post-election conversation about how best to leverage the results of *Your Candidates—Your Health 2008* in what will be a new political environment. See our Web site for details.

## Colorado Ranks High in Reports on Economic Impact of Research

Research!America's Colorado members are helping put the state prominently on the map when it comes to medical research that works for patients and for the state's economy.

Colorado ranks third in the *State Technology and Science Index* report from the **Milken Institute**. The report ranks states on five categories related to the investment and return. Colorado ranks second among workers in the technology and science field.

**Families USA** tracks the economic impact of **National Institutes of Health** funding by state, and Colorado was ranked among the top 10 states generating the most economic activity per dollar of NIH funding.

In FY07, institutions in Colorado received \$316 million from the NIH, according to the Research!America funding-by-state tool at [www.researchamerica.org/state\\_funding](http://www.researchamerica.org/state_funding). This created 5,417 new jobs, according to Families USA.

Research!America's Colorado-based members include Adams County Economic Development, Inc.; America on the Move Foundation; American Transplant Foundation; Aurora Economic Development Council; Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities, University of Colorado System; Colorado Bioscience Association; Colorado State University; Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority; Jefferson Economic Council; Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology; Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation; Midwest Nursing Research Society; National Jewish Medical and Research Center; Southeast Business Partnership; University of Colorado Denver; University of Colorado Denver School of Dental Medicine; University of Colorado Denver School of Nursing; and University of Colorado System.

See [www.milkeninstitute.org](http://www.milkeninstitute.org) and [www.familiesusa.org](http://www.familiesusa.org) for more on the reports. More state-by-state economic impact information is also available at [www.researchamerica.org/state\\_econ](http://www.researchamerica.org/state_econ).



## Statement Sent to Party Platform Committees

Research!America's Chair **The Honorable John Edward Porter** and President **Mary Woolley** submitted a statement about the importance of research to the Democratic and Republican Party Platform Drafting Committees in July.

**Take action** by sending a letter with the same or a similar message to the parties. You can find contact information and the statement at [www.researchamerica.org/party\\_platform\\_2008](http://www.researchamerica.org/party_platform_2008). Use these statements in your interactions with your congressional members and candidates.

### Welcome New Members!

**American Academy of Physician Assistants**  
**American Pain Society**  
**Mental Health America**

*Is your institution, organization or business not yet a member?  
Join Research!America today!  
Visit [www.researchamerica.org/membership\\_signup](http://www.researchamerica.org/membership_signup)*

# Did YOU Know

**Zogby International** and the **Congressional Management Foundation** conducted a nationwide survey to find out if, and how, citizens communicate with Congress. Almost half of American adults have contacted Congress in the last five years, and the Internet is the primary mode of such communication. See [www.cmfweb.org](http://www.cmfweb.org).

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The **Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation**, a Research!America member, welcomed **Alfred Sommer, MD**, dean emeritus of the **Bloomberg School of Public Health** at **Johns Hopkins University**, as chair of its Board of Directors.

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**Trust for America's Health** has issued a new report with state-specific data about the value of disease prevention. An investment of \$10 per person per year in disease prevention could save the U.S. more than \$16 billion annually within five years. See <http://healthyamericans.org>.

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The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's** Office of Workforce and Career Development is seeking applicants for its **Epidemic Intelligence Service Program**. This two year, post-graduate program provides hands on experience in epidemiology. See [www.cdc.gov/eis/](http://www.cdc.gov/eis/).

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## What the Public Really Wants on Science

A recent report from the **Center for American Progress** and **The Century Foundation** compiling results from public opinion polls has found that the public overwhelmingly thinks science can make our lives better, the benefits far outweigh the risks and scientists should have a larger role in public policy decisions.

"The public, in short, wants to move forward; they have little or no interest in curbing scientific advance to serve anyone's ideological agenda," writes **Ruy Teixeira**, a joint fellow at the two organizations.

The survey of public opinion is a regular feature at [www.americanprogress.org](http://www.americanprogress.org).

### Builder of Science Award

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health research today as the Robert Andrews Millikan Professor of Biology at Caltech. His vision, leadership and long-term dedication have enhanced the scientific community and helped develop multiple first-class research facilities.

Past winners of the Builders of

Science Award include **Richard A. Lerner, MD**, of The Scripps Research Institute and **Donald W. Seldin, MD**; **Michael S. Brown, MD**; and **Joseph L. Goldstein, MD**, of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

For more information about the 2009 Advocacy Awards Gala, including award and event sponsors, visit [www.researchamerica.org/advocacy\\_awards](http://www.researchamerica.org/advocacy_awards).

### In Memoriam: Harlyn O. Halvorson

**Harlyn O. Halvorson, PhD**, a member of Research!America's Scientific Advisory Committee, died June 17 at his home in Massachusetts. He was 83.

His long career included work with the **Marine Biological Laboratory**, the **American Society for Microbiology** and several universities, including his position at the Environmental Earth and Ocean Sciences department at the **University of Massachusetts Boston**.

### Principal Partner Thank You

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## AMERICA Speaks

In which of the following areas of your life, if any, do you think scientific research has played the biggest role?

Health Care Most Associated with Scientific Research

<b>Health care</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Economy</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Energy</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Defense</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>None of these</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Don't know</b>	<b>2%</b>

SOURCE: NATIONAL SURVEY, 2008  
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## U.S. Innovation System Increasingly Collaborative

Most people have heard of ATMs, halogen lamps and the breakthrough anticancer drug Taxol. But where do these inventions come from? A July 2008 study published by the **Information Technology and Innovation Foundation** assessed the changing landscape of the U.S. innovation system.

The report analyzed *R&D Magazine's* top 100 award recipients over the last three decades and found the number of U.S. innovations developed by private companies acting alone dropped from 86% in 1971 to 31% in 2006. At the same time, the number of innovations resulting from federal funding increased significantly.

"The U.S. innovation system has become much more collaborative in nature. Federal policy needs to reflect this fact," the report's authors, **Fred Block, PhD**, professor of sociology at University of California-Davis, and graduate student **Matthew R. Keller**, conclude.

## A Look Back: DeBakey's Career and Life

It's impossible to convey just how much Research!America Honorary Board Director **Michael E. DeBakey, MD**, did for medical research. He died July 11 as a



Baylor College of Medicine

**Michael DeBakey, MD, and Mary Woolley at the April 2008 Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony**

supremely accomplished researcher, advocate and citizen. He was the first physician to perform a successful coronary artery bypass procedure, and he helped discover the link between smoking cigarettes and lung cancer.

"Genius" was the word **William R. Brinkley, PhD**, dean of the Graduate School of Biological Science at **Baylor College of Medicine** where DeBakey worked as president and chancellor, used to describe him.

"When I was in his presence, I always felt he was one of the great minds of our time,"

said Brinkley, a Research!America board member.

Dr. DeBakey will be sorely missed for his professionalism, sagacity and character. He was a true legend in and advocate for biomedical research.

### Thank Your Public Health Heroes

The Monday before Thanksgiving, Research!America and leading public health organizations take time to recognize public health professionals who work tirelessly every day to protect us. **Public Health Thank You Day 2008** is November 24! Visit [www.publichealththankyouday.org](http://www.publichealththankyouday.org).

## Did You Know?

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The director of the **National Institutes of Health** is seeking nominations for the 2009 Council of Public Representatives roster. See [www.copr.nih.gov/nomination.asp](http://www.copr.nih.gov/nomination.asp).

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The **Commonwealth Fund** issued a report rating the U.S. health system on several criteria. Download the report from [www.commonwealth-fund.org/publications](http://www.commonwealth-fund.org/publications).

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The **Fogarty International Center**, the global arm of the NIH, has launched a \$1.5 million-a-year program to fund training of researchers to fight chronic diseases in developing nations. See [www.fic.nih.gov](http://www.fic.nih.gov).

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The **National Science Foundation** is accepting nominations for the 2009 National Medal of Science awards. See [www.nsf.gov/od/nms/medla.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/od/nms/medla.jsp).

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**NARSAD**, a Research!America member and the world's leading charity dedicated to mental health research, is sponsoring 48 **Healthy Minds Across America — Breakthroughs in Mental Health Research** forums on September 14 across the U.S. and Canada. See [www.narsad.org](http://www.narsad.org) for more.

## RESEARCH Takes Cents

That could fund the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development for more than 16 years!

SOURCES: NATIONAL RETAIL FEDERATION 2008; NIH FY08.

Amount Americans are expected to spend on back-to-school supplies for grades K-12 this year:

# \$20.1 billion

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## ComingUp

September 15, 2008—Nomination deadline for **Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research Ambassadors**. [www.researchamerica.org/08pgrnominations](http://www.researchamerica.org/08pgrnominations).

September 23, 2008—Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research Webinar; **NIH Genome-Wide Association Studies Policy**. [www.primr.org](http://www.primr.org).

September 26, 2008—Deadline for nominations to the NIH Director's **Council of Public Representatives**. <http://copr.nih.gov/nomination.asp>.

October 3, 2008—**What a Difference an X Makes: The State of Women's Health Research**. Washington, DC. [www.womenshealthresearch.org](http://www.womenshealthresearch.org)

October 14, 2008—**Eugene Garfield Economic Impact of Medical and Health Research Award**, presented by Research!America and the University of Chicago Medical Center. Washington, DC. [www.researchamerica.org/economicimpact\\_award](http://www.researchamerica.org/economicimpact_award).

October 20-23, 2008—**AcademyHealth's Health Policy Orientation**. Washington, DC. [www.academyhealth.org/orientation](http://www.academyhealth.org/orientation).

November 11, 2008—Post-election conversation about **Your Candidates—Your Health**. Washington, DC.

November 24, 2008—Fourth Annual **Public Health Thank You Day** to recognize our nation's public health heroes. [www.publichealththankyouday.org](http://www.publichealththankyouday.org).

December 5, 2008—Nomination deadline for the **National Medal of Science 2009 Award**. [www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards](http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards).

## Advocacy & Action

### Ask Congress to Support Research in the CR

Your Representatives and Senators are expected to pass a continuing resolution to fund the government into 2009. Contact your delegation now and ask them to do all they can to support research to improve health at [www.researchamerica.org/advocacy](http://www.researchamerica.org/advocacy).

### Make Research a Priority in the 2008 Elections

The election is right around the corner. Do you know where your presidential and congressional candidates stand on health, science and research? Visit [www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org), and urge your candidates to declare their views!

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