

# The Research

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20 YEARS OF ADVOCACY FOR RESEARCH

Bringing Research Closer to Home

## Report Estimates U.S. Health Research Funding at \$122 Billion

In a troubling repeat of last year, the U.S. investment in research to improve health remains flat at 5.5% of all health-related spending. Research!America's recently released *2007 Investment in U.S. Health Research* report estimates that the amount spent on research increased from \$116 billion in 2006 to \$122 billion in 2007. National health expenditures again grew faster than the economy, up 6.7% from \$2.1 trillion to

\$2.25 trillion, according to the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**.

Federal dollars as a percentage of the total amount available to researchers fell in 2007. Federal funding accounted for 31% of all health research spending, a decrease from the 2006 level of 32.5%. Industry funded 56% of all research in 2007, up from 55.7% last year. Philanthropic foundations, universities, and state and local governments

increased funding. They provided 13.2% of the money available to researchers in 2007. This increase helped compensate for decreased federal funds and the limited increase by industry.

Funding for research as a component of health-related spending is holding steady, partly because of the 17% increase in funding from universities, foundations and other sources between 2006 and 2007.

Holding steady is not enough. Investment in research must be at a

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Betty Ann Bowser; Charles Knirsch, MD, MPH; Stephen Shortell, PhD, MPH; Dial Hewlett Jr., MD; Carmen Portillo, RN, PhD; Haile T. Debas, MD; Art Reingold, MD; and Joe Cerrell

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## Global Health Leaders Discuss Partnerships, Innovation

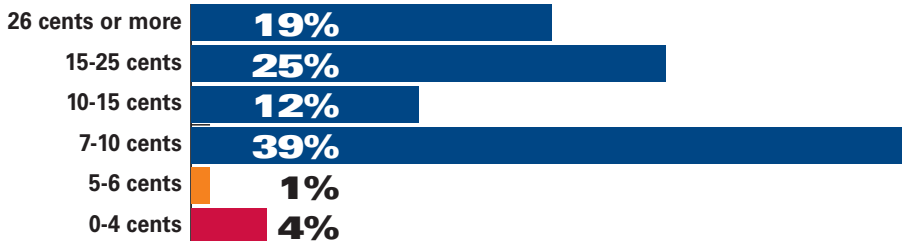
Eighty-five percent of Californians think global health is an issue of concern to their state, according to a new poll released at *Partnerships in Global Health Research: A Bridge to the World*, a Research Partners Forum presented by Research!America; **Pfizer**; **University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health**; and **University of California, San Francisco Global Health Sciences** on December 8.

**Dial Hewlett Jr., MD**, a senior director and medical lead for academic medicine for Pfizer's U.S. External Medical Affairs, opened the program.

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## AMERICA Speaks

How many cents of each health dollar do you think we should spend on research to prevent, cure and treat disease and disability? (n=632)



SOURCE: NATIONAL POLL, 2008  
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## Americans Want More Spent on Medical and Health Research

# New ON THE Web

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

A **podcast** of a recent *Research!America Research Partners Forum* and results from a California state poll on global health are available at [www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org).

Investment in research to improve health trails health care spending again, according to *Research!America's 2007 Investment in U.S. Health Research* report. See [www.researchamerica.org/research\\_investment](http://www.researchamerica.org/research_investment).

**Global violence** is the newest topic in our series of fact sheets, *Investment in Research Saves Lives and Money*. Download the fact sheet at [www.researchamerica.org/issue\\_briefs](http://www.researchamerica.org/issue_briefs).

**OncologySTAT**, Elsevier's resource for cancer care and prevention, has recently been upgraded. *Elsevier* is a *Research!America* member. See [www.oncologystat.com](http://www.oncologystat.com).

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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

## Association of University Centers on Disabilities



George Jesien, PhD

*The Association of University Centers on Disabilities is a membership organization that supports and promotes three national networks of university-based interdisciplinary research, training and service programs. The networks are the 67 University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, the 38 Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Programs and the 14 Intellectual Developmental Disability Resource Centers. There is at least one center in every state and territory.*

AUCD and its members are a resource for those concerned about people living with developmental and other disabilities and their families.

"Our networks focus on developing new knowledge, training the next cohort of interdisciplinary professionals and working with community disability organizations to develop exemplary services and supports to improve the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities," said **George Jesien, PhD**, AUCD's executive director. "We envision a future in which culturally appropriate supports that lead to independence, productivity and a satisfying quality of life are universally available across the life span."

AUCD's recent annual meeting opened with a video of **President-elect Barack Obama's** disability policy speech and concluded with an uplifting presentation by a member of the Obama-Biden transition team, **Michael Strautmanis**, director of public liaison and intergov-

ernmental affairs. Strautmanis provided a clear overview of Obama's disability agenda and demonstrated a deep understanding and sincere commitment to disability-related issues.

Research!America President **Mary Woolley** also spoke at the meeting. Her keynote presentation is available for Research!America members to download at [www.researchamerica.org/speeches](http://www.researchamerica.org/speeches).

In addition to being a Research!America member, AUCD was also a supporting partner in our voter education initiative, *Your Candidates—Your Health 2008*.

"We strongly believe in communicating directly with all of our constituents including elected officials and candidates for office," Jesien said. "This voter education initiative provided our members and the public with such an opportunity, and we were proud to be a supporting partner."

For more information about AUCD, visit [www.aucd.org](http://www.aucd.org).

### Research!America Adds Value for Our Members

- By being **one of the strongest and most widely respected voices** for medical research advocacy in Washington and across the nation: Research!America's chair, board of directors, president and top staff engage in extensive outreach to policy makers and national scientific and medical research leaders
- By **providing unique, proven advocacy tools**, such as public opinion poll data and local, national and global economic investment reports, on a timely, often-updated basis for our members
- Because we are regularly sought out by key media and are often named as **the "go-to" for information on research advocacy and policy**
- By **pioneering outreach to the next generation** of medical and scientific leadership by offering training in and encouraging involvement in advocacy and public service

## Looking for a Populist Champion for Public Health

Mary Woolley, Research!America president, and Jim Wells, PhD, professor at the University of California, San Francisco, spoke with Nick Zagorski, PhD, of *ASBMB Today* about their October editorial in *Science* magazine. Wells said, "We need someone who understands science but ... [can] communicate the vulnerability of the global health situation, point out the medical, economic and global security risks, and call people out to action."



Jim Wells, PhD

## Advocacy for Global Health Research

Research!America's newly released public opinion poll data on attitudes towards global health research was cited by the Bay Area News Group and was published in the group's *Contra Costa Times* newspaper.

Donald Burke, MD, dean of the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health and Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research Ambassador, was featured in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* "Thinkers" series. Burke talked about his work to find an AIDS vaccine and his research to find treatments for other infectious diseases. He said, "American military personnel are frequently sent into parts of the world with these diseases," and "expanding global travel and migration also mean that more and more people come into contact with these diseases."

The Capitol Hill briefing "Global Health IS America's Health," organized by Research!America, FamiliesUSA, the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, Congressional Black Caucus, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and Congressional Global Health Caucus, received coverage in *CQ Healthbeat*.

## A Look Ahead For Science



Reed V. Tuckson, MD

Reed V. Tuckson, MD, executive vice president of UnitedHealth Group and a Research!America emeritus board member, told *Washington Post* writer Ceci Connelly that "one way to reconfigure health spending under the new administration is to shift large sums into prevention and wellness." He also said, "The idea is to tackle the handful of preventable, chronic illnesses."

Mary J.C. Hendrix, PhD, president of Children's Memorial Research Center at Northwestern University and Research!America board treasurer, said in a *Wall*

*Street Journal* article that "President-elect Obama's pledge to overturn the current restrictions on embryonic stem cell research would give the signal that it's acceptable to work in this promising field."

The Honorable John Edward Porter, Research!America chair, was quoted in *Science* magazine: "Signs to watch for that will be critical for science in the new administration include the identity and status of the new president's science adviser and how fast he is appointed."

Mary Woolley was quoted in the *Bureau of National Affairs' Medical Research Law & Policy Report*: "I think the Obama administration truly understands that science is a solution for this country at a time when we're looking for solutions to tough challenges." In an article in the *Baltimore Business Journal*, she talked about the importance of an economic stimulus package to increase funding for NIH and other federal research agencies.



Mary J.C. Hendrix, PhD



Research!America achieves our 20th birthday this month. We look forward to at least that many more years of

innovative, high-impact advocacy for research as we develop new ways to help you become more effective advocates.

As I write I am imbued with the spirit of renewal and purpose inspired so lyrically and with just the right touch of humor by Dr. Maya Angelou, who opened the first NIH Summit on The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities. Nearly 4,000 people attended. The opening program, which I moderated, included an award to former NIH Director Harold Varmus and a tribute to the late Hon. Paul G. Rogers, a lifelong champion of health equity.

Putting research to work to eliminate health disparities is one of several key challenges facing our nation as we begin a year of hope and promise in the face of a severe economic downturn.

Research!America Chair John Edward Porter and I, along with staff colleagues, have been working hard to assure that U.S.-based research becomes the driver of global economic recovery that it can and will be if we put science back to work and if we give hope and support to young scientists. We are optimistic that the new Congress will pass and President-elect Obama will sign in to law an economic recovery program to set the stage for exactly that. We have shared our positions on this with the Obama transition team and with Congressional leaders (see page 4), and we urge our members to reinforce the case for research as a key to economic recovery to your elected representatives.

Mary Woolley

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## Economic Recovery Package Anticipated

The 111th Congress will be sworn in January 6 and is expected to quickly take action on an economic recovery package. It is hoped that the legislation will be ready for **President-elect Barack Obama** to sign shortly after his inauguration. Some health measures are expected in the bill, and Research!America is working to ensure research is part of the package.

Research!America sent letters to the Obama-Biden transition team and congressional leaders urging them to include \$11.1 billion for research in the economic recovery package. The recommendations for each agency are:

- NIH – \$8.6 billion (FY08 budget = \$29.2 billion)
- NSF – \$1.4 billion (FY08 budget = \$6.1 billion)
- CDC – \$1.0 billion (FY08 budget = \$6.4 billion)
- AHRQ – \$97 million (FY08 budget = \$335 million)

The additional funds would help NIH, NSF, CDC and AHRQ compensate for lost opportunities that have resulted from the stagnation in federal funding for research in recent years.

Another decision facing Obama is the selection of the next NIH director. Research!America led the effort to urge

Obama to appoint the NIH director as soon as possible; 430 organizations signed on to a letter of support, which was sent to the transition team at the end of November.

Visit [www.researchamerica.org/](http://www.researchamerica.org/) advocacy to see the letters and the latest updates on advocating for research to improve health.

## CPH Working on Two Advocacy Fronts

The **Campaign for Public Health's** effort to include public health in health reform has involved more than 60 organizations in five meetings on Capitol Hill. These meetings, presented in partnership with the **Congressional Study Group on Public Health**, resulted in a document highlighting several key public health concerns. CPH and Study Group staffers are planning to share the document and main points of the meetings with various House and Senate committees.

CPH is leading a sign-on letter to House leadership, key Senate members and to Obama Administration officials that highlights the need for public health in this economy. The letter cites the recent **National Association of County and City Health Officials** study that found many local health departments are cutting back just as the population needs public health measures more than ever. More at [www.FundCDC.org](http://www.FundCDC.org).

## 2009 FEDERAL RESEARCH BUDGET

Agency	Pres. Bush'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).

## Fact Sheet Highlights Global Violence Prevention

Research!America and **Global Violence Prevention** released a new fact sheet on global violence this month as part of the *Investment in Research Saves Lives and Money* series. The publication highlights the immense toll that violence takes on world health and security.

Violence is a leading cause of death among 15- to 29-year-olds and disproportionately affects low- and middle-income countries. Yet violence, like many diseases, is preventable. Aside from the social value of violence prevention, research also shows that preventing violence removes a major economic drain. The U.S. saved close to \$15 billion on health care, police response and lost productivity during the first five years of the Violence Against Women Act.

The fact sheet is included as this month's insert and is available at [www.researchamerica.org/issue\\_briefs](http://www.researchamerica.org/issue_briefs).

### Global Health Leaders *Continued from page 1*

Research!America President **Mary Woolley** presented the results of the poll of California residents. **Haile T. Debas, MD**, UCSF Global Health Sciences executive director, introduced a plan for a degree-granting school of global health that will be part of the UC system.

**Stephen M. Shortell, PhD, MPH**, UC Berkeley School of Public Health dean, introduced the forum moderator, **Betty Ann Bowser**, health correspondent for PBS' "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," who led an engaging conversation on a range of topics in global health, including public-private partnerships.

"[Such] relationships have to be mutually beneficial," Debas said. "If it's beneficial to only one side, it will not work."

In addition to Shortell and Debas, other panelists were **Joe Cerrell**, director, Global Health Policy & Advocacy, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; **Charles Knirsch, MD, MPH**, vice president and site head, Global Medical Research and Development, Pfizer Inc; **Carmen Portillo, RN, PhD**, interim chair, department of community health systems, School of Nursing, UCSF, and Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research Ambassador; and **Art Reingold, MD**, associate dean for research and associate director, Center

for Global Public Health, UC Berkeley School of Public Health.

The panelists shared personal experiences in global health research with the audience of about 150 academicians and representatives from business, government and non-profit organizations.

"We have to market successes better ... if more people knew how much progress was actually being made ... they could be motivated to do more in these areas," Cerrell said.



**Julie Louise Gerberding, MD, MPH**

emphasizing that an all-encompassing approach to global health will produce greater results.

"Glocality [is] the idea that a problem that is global is simultaneously local — local for somebody," she said, reinforcing that global health is America's health.

Visit [www.researchamerica.org/sanfrancisco](http://www.researchamerica.org/sanfrancisco) to download a podcast of the event and complete findings of the California public opinion poll.

## 2009 Research!America Advocacy Awards

### 20th Anniversary Celebration

March 24, 2009

Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium  
Washington, DC

#### Gala Co-Chairs

**Herbert Pardes, MD**  
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital  
**Randolph Siegel**  
*PARADE* magazine

6:30 p.m. Grand Reception  
7:15 p.m. Dinner and Awards  
Presentations

### 2009 Advocacy Award Recipients

#### Isadore Rosenfeld Award for Impact on Public Opinion

**BOB WOODRUFF**  
*ABC News Anchor*  
*Cognitive Rehabilitation Research Advocate*

#### Raymond and Beverly Sackler Award for Sustained National Leadership

**C. EVERETT KOOP, MD, ScD**  
*Former U.S. Surgeon General*  
*Elizabeth DeCamp McInerney Professor of Surgery, Dartmouth Medical School*

#### Paul G. Rogers Distinguished Organization Advocacy Award

**GENETIC ALLIANCE**  
**Sharon Terry, President & CEO**

#### Gordon and Llura Gund Leadership Award

**JAMES E. STOWERS JR. AND**  
**VIRGINIA G. STOWERS**  
*Stowers Institute for Medical Research*

#### Builders of Science Award

**DAVID BALTIMORE, PHD**  
*Robert A. Millikan Professor of Biology, California Institute of Technology*

### Welcome New Members!

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The EyeSight Foundation of Alabama

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*[www.researchamerica.org/become\\_member](http://www.researchamerica.org/become_member).*

# Did YOU Know

Research!America President Mary Woolley recently spoke about health research advocacy at the **Stowers Institute for Medical Research**. Institute founders James E. Stowers Jr. and Virginia G. Stowers are recipients of our 2009 Gordon and Llura Gund Leadership Advocacy Award.

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The **Campaign for Public Health** has moved to the Eastern Market neighborhood of Capitol Hill and has a new mailing address: Campaign for Public Health, P.O. Box 15305, Washington, DC 20003.

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The **National Institutes of Health Clinical Center** wrapped up its **Medicine for the Public: 2008 Lecture Series**, in which scientists deliver talks on current medical issues to general audiences. See [www.cc.nih.gov/about/news/mfp.shtml](http://www.cc.nih.gov/about/news/mfp.shtml) to view lecture webcasts.

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Research!America's communications were honored with several awards in 2008, including an **Apex** award of excellence for most improved Web site, an **Hermes** gold award and a silver **Davey Award** for [www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org). Our 2007 annual report received an Hermes honorable mention, and a silver Davey Award was awarded to [www.yourcongressyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcongressyourhealth.org).

## Obama Team, Congress Prepare to Reverse ESCR Policy

President-elect **Barack Obama** is primed to take an important and long-awaited measure: lifting restrictions on federally funded embryonic stem cell research. His team released a statement, confirmed by future Chief of Staff **Rahm Emmanuel** in a recent interview, promising swift action on ESCR policy. In the meantime, congressional champions and advocates are planning their next moves.

Reps. **Mike Castle (DE)** and **Diana DeGette (CO)** cosponsored the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2008 before Congress recessed in September. The bill, if passed in the next session, could complement a potential executive order by clarifying federal stem cell policy and setting the stage for ethical guidelines.

Both the Obama policy and the legislation would reverse the policy established by President Bush that limits federally funded research to a handful of embryonic stem cell lines created before August 2001.

Meanwhile, a state ballot initiative passed in Michigan will expand ESCR to include newly derived cell lines. The measure was supported by **Cure Michigan**, a group endorsed by Research!America. In Colorado, voters overwhelmingly rejected a ballot proposal which would have defined fertilization as "the moment an egg becomes a person," which would have had widespread implications for ESCR.

## Get Involved: Help Build The 435 Project

The **435 Project**, Research!America's campaign to empower advocates for medical and health research, seeks to engage health research advocates in every Congressional district through coordinated messaging, effective use of social marketing and new media, and new alliances with business leaders.



Become a charter supporter of this ambitious campaign to set a new model for research advocacy and learn more at [www.researchamerica.org/435project\\_donate](http://www.researchamerica.org/435project_donate).

## Public Health Thank You Day 2008

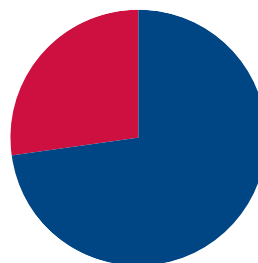
Research!America and its partners celebrated **Public Health Thank You Day** on November 24. The initiative was promoted on the Web sites of participating organizations **The Ohio State University College of Public Health**, **Harvard School of Public Health**, **City of El Paso Department of Public Health (TX)**, **Cattaraugus County Health Department (NY)** and **Indiana State Department of Health**.

Articles about Public Health Thank You Day appeared in *The Chadron News* (NE), *The Oklahoman* and *The Ledger* (FL). See [www.publichealththankyouday.org](http://www.publichealththankyouday.org).

## AMERICA Speaks

Do you favor or oppose expanding federal funding for research using embryonic stem cells?

### Majority of Americans Favor Federal Funding for ESCR



Favor	73%
Oppose	27%

SOURCE: NATIONAL POLL, 2008  
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## Study Shows Sizable Return on Research Investment

A new report released by the **Wellcome Trust**, the **Medical Research Council** and the **Academy of Medical Sciences** seeks to quantify the financial return on investments in research to improve health.

The study, conducted in the United Kingdom, found a return on each pound spent for health research of between 37% and 39%. This type of metric refutes the argument against increased spending on health research. When taken in the context of the \$122 billion spent in 2007 on health research here in the U.S., this translates into significant returns on that investment here at home.

Investing now in innovation, especially when it could diminish the time between discovery and implementation of a therapy, can only increase the return. Hard evidence of the value of public and private spending on research, such as this report, is a tool research advocates can use to convince skeptics that research to improve health is a sound investment with proven benefits.

Download the report from [www.wellcome.ac.uk](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk).

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## Call for Civil Society Engagement in Research

The **Global Ministerial Forum on Research for Health** recently convened in Bamako, Mali, where international health and research leaders spoke on the theme “Strengthening Research for Health, Development and Equity.”

Research!America President **Mary Woolley** presented strategies to encourage civil society’s (or non-profits’) involvement in making the case for stronger research funding and better health for all worldwide.

A preparatory meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark, set the stage for the Bamako meeting. **Karen A. Goraeski**, Research!America vice president of public health partnerships, and representatives of 10 nations developed the call for civil society engagement that was presented and adopted at the forum. Read more at [www.bamako2008.org](http://www.bamako2008.org).

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level that can be relied upon to consistently fund research designed to counteract the current and emerging health issues facing Americans today. Scientists cannot meet America’s expectations for progress without increased access to funding.

The investment in research numbers,

especially in these tough economic times, illustrate the continuing challenges facing Research!America and its partners in striving to increase the proportion of health dollars spent on research.

Download the report at [www.research-america.org/research\\_investment](http://www.research-america.org/research_investment).

## Did You Know?

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The **Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health** held a memorial service in honor of **Allan Rosenfield, MD** (1933-2008), the school’s former dean. Rosenfield was a member of the Advisory Council for the Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research.

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Mary Woolley has been elected to the National Academies’ **Institute of Medicine governing council**. She will serve a three-year term on the council, which meets four times a year to guide the activities of the Institute, a nonprofit organization created in 1970 as a component of the National Academies. IOM provides the United States with science-based advice on matters of biomedical science, medicine and health and is also an honorific membership organization.

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## ComingUp

February 2, 2009—Nominations deadline for the **Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation's Lasker Medical Research Awards**. [www.laskerfoundation.org](http://www.laskerfoundation.org).

February 25-27, 2009—National Summit on Integrative Medicine and the Health of the Public, convened by the **Bravewell Collaborative** and the **Institute of Medicine**. Washington, DC. [www.iom.edu/integrativemedicine](http://www.iom.edu/integrativemedicine).

March 24, 2009—Research!America's 20th Anniversary **Advocacy Awards Gala** and **National Forum**. Washington, DC. [www.researchamerica.org/advocacy\\_awards](http://www.researchamerica.org/advocacy_awards).

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## Advocacy & Action

### Research in the Recovery Package

Urge **President-elect Barack Obama** and **Congress** to include research in the economic recovery package. An infusion of \$11.1 billion for NIH, NSF, CDC and AHRQ will produce immediate and long-term dividends that protect good jobs, stimulate local economies across the nation, provide data to help make health reform evidence-based and expand the research that is the foundation for innovation and global competitiveness.

**The Obama-Biden transition team wants to hear from Americans** on the issues they care about, such as research, and you can share your input in a variety of ways at <http://change.gov>. Visit [www.researchamerica.org/advocacy](http://www.researchamerica.org/advocacy) to **let your members of Congress know** that research should be a priority in the economic recovery package.

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