



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Securing a Science Strong Future

Dear Advocates,

Amid multiple challenges – ranging from global tensions and economic instability to ongoing disease threats – it can be difficult to snatch hope from the jaws of anxiety.

Still, we feel that hope and optimism – mainly because of the strength of what we have achieved, and can achieve, together.

The great strength of the Research!America alliance comes from our 300+ member organizations and the individuals who are part of them. In 2022, we made progress toward a future in which deadly and debilitating threats are met with greater readiness and resolve. With our partners in government and industry, we also fueled the growth of a robust research enterprise to save lives and improve the well-being of populations across the globe.

Among other victories, we saw across-the-board funding increases for federal research agencies, including a \$2.5 billion increase for the NIH. Congress reauthorized “user fees,” enabling the FDA to approve critical new drugs and devices for patients. It also reauthorized small business research grants to build out U.S. R&D capacity.

Last year also saw the landmark passage of the bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act, which among other features authorized \$174 billion in funding over the next five years for various federal science agencies to invest in STEM, workforce development, and R&D. It’s hard to overstate the importance of this once-in-a-generation opportunity to dramatically strengthen our nation’s science and technology (S&T) capacity. Strong federal support for S&T innovation helps ensure our nation’s ongoing global economic competitiveness. It is also the foundation of our ability to address pandemics, climate change, cyberterrorism, and other catastrophic threats.

There is much more to celebrate, but there is even more work that lies ahead. Together, we’ll work to continue to foster more discovery and innovation to improve the quality of life for people in the United States and beyond.

With gratitude,



Mary Woolley,
President & CEO
Research!America

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Susan Dentzer,
Chair Emerita
President and CEO,
America's Physician Groups

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Research!America 2022 Accomplishments

As health threats – acute, chronic, and rare – continued to challenge our nation and our world, the Research!America alliance fought hard and effectively for a stronger and healthier future.

The great strength of Research!America is our 300+ member organizations and you – the individuals who are part of those organizations. Together, we made progress towards a future in which deadly and debilitating health threats are met with readiness, resolve, and a robust research enterprise able to minimize disruption to the lives and well-being of the American people and populations across the globe. Simply put: patients cannot rely on the status quo.

Your advocacy helped bring about change, including significant increases to government funding for federal research agencies for Fiscal Year 2023:

**\$2.5
Billion**

**Increase in funding for
the National Institutes
of Health (NIH)**

**\$760
Million**

**Increase for the Centers
for Disease Control and
Prevention (CDC)**

**\$226
Million**

**Increase for the
Food and Drug
Administration (FDA)**

**\$1
Billion**

**Increase for the
National Science
Foundation (NSF)**

**\$23
Million**

**Increase for the Agency
for Healthcare Research
and Quality (AHRQ)**

**\$500
Million**

**Increase for the
Advanced Research Projects
Agency for Health (ARPA-H)**

Additional notable accomplishments include reauthorization of user fee legislation, which enables the FDA to approve critical new drugs and devices for patients; reauthorization of small business research grants to build out U.S. R&D capacity; and passage of the CHIPS and Science Act.





How We Achieved Impact

87 Congressional Meetings

46 Meetings with the Biden Administration and agency officials

70 Speakers at our National Health Research Forum

42 Alliance Discussions

1,400 Media Mentions



Celebration & Inspiration

Our [2022 Advocacy Awards](#) celebrated [14 honorees](#) for contributions to medical and public health research and for leadership in advocacy. We are grateful for the support of our [sponsors](#) and [benefactors](#). Conversations from the Advocacy Awards and remarks from the 2022 honorees are available to [view and share](#).

**Edwin C. Whitehead Award for
Medical Research Advocacy**



The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
U.S. Representative (D-CT)

**Edwin C. Whitehead Award for
Medical Research Advocacy**



The Honorable Kay Granger
U.S. Representative (R-TX)

**John Edward Porter Legacy Award,
Generously Supported by Ann Lurie**



Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD
Acting Science Advisor to the President,
Senior Investigator, Center for Precision
Health Research, National Human
Genome Research Institute at NIH

**Geoffrey Beene Foundation
Builders of Science Award**



France A. Córdova, PhD
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**Isadore Rosenfeld Award for
Impact on Public Opinion**



Walter Isaacson
Prof., Tulane University; Advisory
Partner, Perella Weinberg; Author

**Gordon and Llura Gund
Leadership Award**



Jed Manocherian
Chairman and
Founder, ACT for NIH

**Herbert Pardes Family Award for National
Leadership in Advocacy for Research**



Neal F. Lane, PhD
Prof. of Physics and Astronomy (emeritus),
Malcolm Univ. Prof. (emeritus); Senior Fellow,
Baker Institute of Public Policy, Rice Univ.

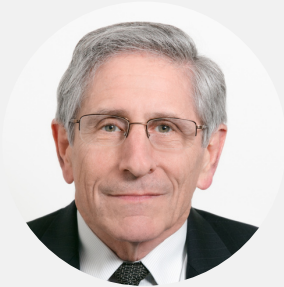
**Paul G. Rogers Distinguished
Organization Advocacy Award**



Alliance for Aging Research

Outstanding Achievement in Public Health Awards, Generously Supported by Johnson & Johnson

Outstanding Achievement in Public Health Award



Matthew Myers
President, Campaign for
Tobacco-Free Kids

Outstanding Achievement in Public Health Award



Bill Novelli
Prof. and Founder, Business for
Impact, McDonough School of
Business, Georgetown Univ.

Outstanding Achievement in Public Health Award



Vivian W. Pinn, MD
Inaugural Director, Office of
Research on Women's Health,
NIH (Retired)

Building the Foundation Award



Christopher Murray, MD, DPhil
Prof. & Chair, Health Metrics
Sciences; Director, Institute for
Health Metrics & Evaluation, Univ.
of Washington School of Medicine

Rapid Translation Award



Meeting the Moment for Public Health Award



Ashish K. Jha, MD, MPH
Dean, Brown University
School of Public Health





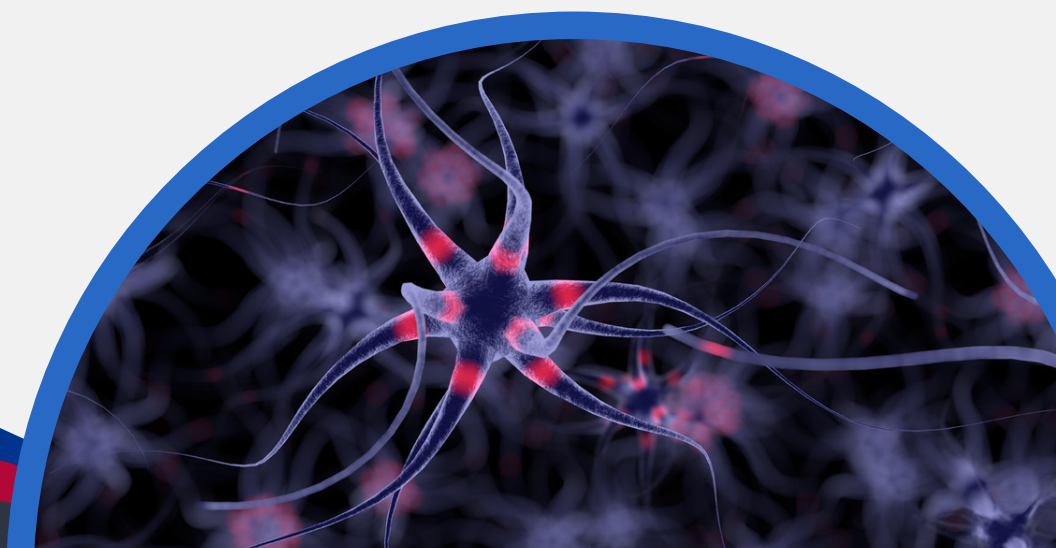
Keeping a Pulse on Public Opinion

We continued to keep the pulse of public sentiment about science and research through three surveys this year:

- Our annual omnibus national survey in [January 2022](#).
- In partnership with Virginia Tech, we surveyed [Virginians' views](#) on the economic impact of biomedical research and opinions on other public health and science issues.
- In partnership with the Dana Foundation, we commissioned a [national survey on brain health and brain health research](#).



In addition to our individual surveys, our [America Speaks!: Poll Data Summary, Volume 22](#), draws from the previous years' surveys and serves as a resource for elected officials; writing letters to the editor, op-eds, or articles; and advocating for research to improve health.





Engaging With Experts and Stakeholders

National Health Research Forum

We hosted the two-day 2022 National Health Research Forum virtually (followed by an in-person reception). The Forum explored how, together, we can defeat threats that rob us of health, hope, and time.

- More than 1,100 participants.
- 70 speakers, including 13 high-ranking government officials.
- Notable speakers included U.S. Surgeon General Vice Admiral Vivek H. Murthy; Acting NIH Director Larry Tabak, Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel L. Levine; and White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator Ashish Jha.
- Panels and discussions are available to [view and share](#).

Alliance Discussions

To help keep our members informed in real time, we held 42 alliance discussions ([access recaps and recordings](#)) featuring exceptional leaders from government, academia, and industry on timely topics, such as:

- Human Genomics and Precision Medicine
- Pandemic Forecasting
- COVID-19 Sequencing
- Gain of Function Research
- NIH Extramural Grant Program
- Global Scientific Leadership and National Security
- PDUFA
- Equity in Mental Health Care
- Suicide Prevention
- FDA Approval Process
- Women's Health
- Interconnectedness of Environment and Human Health

Post-Election Briefing

The week after the midterm elections, we held an [in-the-moment panel discussion](#) about the election's implications for the 118th Congress and the outlook for U.S. research and development. The briefing was moderated by Laura Barrón-López, White House Correspondent for the *PBS NewsHour*.



Empowering Early Career Scientists

Civic Engagement Microgrant Program

Connecting scientists to citizens and citizens to scientists to foster understanding and further shared goals is central to Research!America's mission. 2022 marked our 5th year of empowering early-career science civic engagement through competitive [microgrants](#). As in past years, the program is highly competitive with 20 grants funded out of 68 applications from across the country.

Last fall, we released a new report, "[The Research!America Microgrant Program: Exploring its Impact on Early Career Scientists](#)," which takes a deep dive into the initiative, generously supported by the Rita Allen Foundation.



Early Career Summit

We hosted our second annual [Early Career Summit](#), a one-day virtual conference for early career scientists to learn more about civic engagement, science communication, science policy, and career

development. The Summit was made possible by the generous support of principal sponsor Pfizer, and event sponsors Elsevier, the Rita Allen Foundation, Takeda, and Hermine Warren.



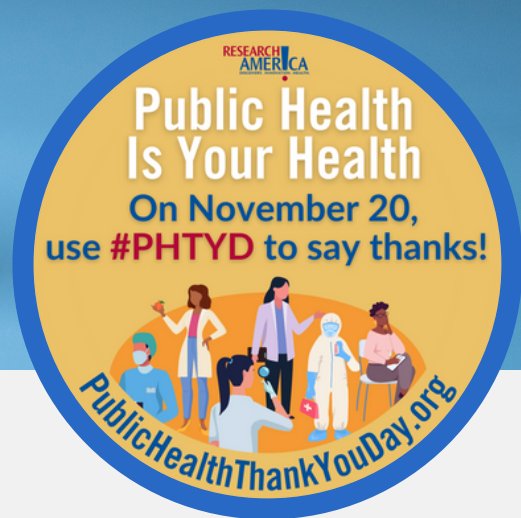


Trust in Science

In addition to our work with early career scientists, we stepped up our focus on enhancing trust in science in other ways.

- We hosted an invitation-only convening of leaders from academia, non-profits, and philanthropy to discuss how to normalize engagement with the public within the culture of science. One of the key takeaways was the need to better understand the nature of civic science training in the U.S. in order to fill gaps and create broader actionable support.
- As announced at a [White House STEMM Summit](#), Research!America is partnering with the Lasker Foundation to create a detailed landscape analysis of U.S.-based civic science training initiatives – a robust trove of data is being compiled and curated to be publicly available in late 2023.
- We served as the U.S. conveners for a global *Economist Impact* study to better understand researchers' own perspectives of the state of science. More than half of the U.S. researchers who responded want training to better communicate with the public.
- In an article published by [Not Alone – Leaders in Focus](#), Mary Woolley called on academic leaders to “educate individuals with the skills needed to communicate and adapt in a rapidly changing world. [Leaders] must ensure they are training ‘civic scientists.’”





Campaigns & Advocacy

Public Health Thank You Day

For 17 years, Research!America has organized an [effort to say “thank you”](#) to our public health workforce the Monday before Thanksgiving.

- Bipartisan co-chairs of the Congressional Public Health Caucus – Reps. Robert J. Wittman (R-VA), Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), and Jim McGovern (D-MA) – co-sponsored House Concurrent Resolution 117 recognizing Public Health Thank You Day.
- The event had ~1,000 unique participants and involvement by more than 80 state and local health departments from 33 different states.
- We saw a marked increase in the quality of engagement, as evidenced by an ~3x increase in the number of organizations taking ownership of their promotion of the event through unique messaging, graphics creation, and short videos.
- The Public Health Thank You Day webpage provided timely messaging and information on the resilience and skill of the public health workforce and the role public health plays in promoting and protecting the health of our communities.

Science and Technology Action Committee

We continue to support the [Science and Technology Action Committee](#), an initiative that brings together non-profit, academic, foundation, and corporate leaders to make the case for a far bolder approach to bolstering our nation’s federal R&D investment.

STAC continued to employ high-impact public ad campaigns and successfully advocated for passage of three pivotal bills providing major new funding and policies to support federal research and innovation:

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- CHIPS and Science Act
- The Inflation Reduction Act

Thank you for your part in realizing these accomplishments. We look forward to continuing to advocate together to strengthen our nation’s investment in medical and health research to meet whatever challenges lie ahead.

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