



## August Advocacy Challenge Scorecard

Earn points by completing various advocacy actions to support NIH funding in Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26)!

### Advocate – 5 Points Each

- ☐ Fill out this [action alert](#) to urge your lawmakers to provide at least \$51.3 billion for NIH in FY26. **(5 points)**

Follow Research!America on social media:

- ☐ Facebook **(5 points)**
- ☐ Instagram **(5 points)**
- ☐ LinkedIn **(5 points)**
- ☐ X (formerly Twitter) **(5 points)**

*Maximum: 20 points*

Sign up for your federal lawmakers' newsletters:

- ☐ Senator 1 **(5 points)**
- ☐ Senator 2 **(5 points)**
- ☐ House Representative **(5 points)**

*Maximum: 15 points*

### Builder – 10 Points Each

Call your federal lawmakers' offices utilizing the script in the toolkit:

- ☐ Senator 1 **(10 points)**
- ☐ Senator 2 **(10 points)**
- ☐ House Representative **(10 points)**

*Maximum: 30 points*

- ☐ Edit and personalize the action alert mentioned above with your own story. You can find the action alert [here](#). **(10 points)**
- ☐ Share a Research!America social post on LinkedIn. **(10 points)**

## Champion – 25 Points Each

- ☐ Attend a Town Hall Meeting. **(25 points)**
  - ☐ Ask a question at a town hall meeting about prioritizing the NIH budget for FY26. **(50 points)**
- ☐ Go to your federal lawmaker's district office with leave-behind materials and a personal note. A personal note template is provided in the toolkit. **(25 points)**
- ☐ Meet with one of your lawmakers or their staff. **(25 points)**
- ☐ Write a letter to the editor. **(25 points)**
  - ☐ Add points if it is published. **(50 points)**

## Bonus Points

- ☐ Create a social media post explaining why medical and health research is important to you and include a picture. Be sure to use our hashtag **#RAAugChallenge** and tag us on the platform of your choice. **(10 points)**

Twitter/X: @researchamerica

Facebook: @ResearchAmerica.org

LinkedIn: @Research!America: Discovery. Innovation. Health.

Instagram: @researchamerica\_alliance

- ☐ Send a brief video explaining why medical research is important to you. To participate, use this Google submission form [here](#), which includes detailed instructions. If you don't have a Google account or cannot access the form, [here](#) are the instructions on how to submit your video. **(15 points)**
  - ☐ Post the video on social media, use our hashtag **#RAAugChallenge**, and tag us on the platform of your choice. **(10 Points)**

By sending in a video, you have an opportunity to be part of a video montage that will be featured on Research!America socials.

## Total Points Earned:

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