

NIH-Wide Strategic Plan Framework

This Notice is a Request for Information (RFI) inviting feedback on the framework for the NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2021-2025. NOTE: It is important to read this entire RFI notice to ensure an adequate response is prepared and to have a full understanding of how your response will be utilized. Response Date: April 1, 2020

The purpose of the NIH-Wide Strategic Plan is to communicate how NIH will advance its mission to support research in pursuit of fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems, and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. The current NIH-Wide Strategic Plan, covering FYs 2016-2020, was submitted to Congress on December 15, 2015. As part of implementing the 21st Century Cures Act (P.L. 114–255), NIH will update its Strategic Plan every five years. The agency is currently developing an updated NIH-Wide Strategic Plan, for FYs 2021-2025, and anticipates releasing it in December 2020. The FY 2021-2025 NIH-Wide Strategic Plan highlights NIH’s approach towards the achievement of its mission while ensuring good stewardship of taxpayer funds. It is not intended to outline the myriad of important research opportunities for specific diseases or conditions. Nor will it focus on the specific research missions of each component Institute, Center and Office. Those opportunities are found within strategic plans that are specific to an Institute, Center, or Office, or specific to a particular disease or disorder. (A list of Institute, Center, or Office-specific, topical, and other NIH-wide or interagency strategic plans is available at <https://report.nih.gov/strategicplans/>.) The Framework for the FY 2021-2025 NIH-Wide Strategic Plan, below, articulates NIH’s priorities in three key areas (Objectives): biomedical and behavioral science research; scientific research capacity; and scientific integrity, public accountability, and social responsibility in the conduct of science. These Objectives apply across NIH. In addition, several Cross-Cutting Themes, which span the scope of these Objectives, are identified.

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National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Vision

Health is enhanced, life is lengthened, and illness and disability are reduced

Mission

To communicate how NIH will advance its mission to support research in pursuit of fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems, and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability.

Values

Integrity

Accountability

Social Responsibility

Science

1. Biomedical & Behavioral Sciences

Advance Biomedical and Behavioral Sciences

1.1. Foundational Science

Drive Foundational Science

1.2. Disease & Health

Prevent Disease and Promote Health

1.3. Treatments, Interventions & Cures

Develop Treatments, Interventions, and Cures

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2. Research Capacity

Develop, Maintain, and Renew Scientific Research Capacity

2.1. Workforce

Cultivate the Biomedical Research Workforce

Stakeholder(s):

Biomedical Research Workforce

2.2. Resources & Infrastructure

Support Research Resources and Infrastructure

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3. Integrity, Accountability & Responsibility

Exemplify and Promote the Highest Level of Scientific Integrity, Public Accountability, and Social Responsibility in the Conduct of Science

3.1. Stewardship

Foster a Culture of Good Scientific Stewardship

3.2. Partnerships

Leverage Partnerships

3.3. Accountability & Confidence

Ensure Accountability and Confidence in Biomedical and Behavioral Sciences

3.4. Operations

Optimize Operations

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Cross Cutting Themes

Diversity

Increase, Enhance, and Support Diversity

Women & Minorities

Improve Women's Health and Minority Health, and Reduce Health Disparities

Stakeholder(s):

Women

Minorities

Data & Technology

Optimize Data Science and the Development of Technologies and Tools

Collaboration

Promote Collaborative Science

Public Health

Address Public Health Challenges Across the Lifespan

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