

## Background

NIMH is the lead Federal agency for research on mental illnesses. NIMH's mission is to transform the understanding and treatment of mental illnesses through basic and clinical research, paving the way for prevention, recovery, and cure. NIMH is guided by its Strategic Plan for Research, which outlines the institute's priorities, spanning fundamental science to public health impact. This notice is in accordance with the 21st Century Cures Act; NIH Institutes are required to regularly update their strategic plans.

## Information Requested

NIMH is seeking feedback on its current Strategic Plan for Research (<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/strategic-planning-reports>) to improve the potential usability, effectiveness, and impact of future strategic plans. In particular, NIMH is interested in learning:

- Who is using the Strategic Plan
- How people are using the Strategic Plan
- What elements (e.g., content, format, organization) in the Strategic Plan are useful, and which are not
- What is missing from the Strategic Plan

## Submitting a Response

Responses are welcome from all interested parties, including but not limited to academic and research institutions; professional associations, organizations, and societies; advocacy organizations; and members of the public. We appreciate your input and invite you to share this RFI opportunity with your colleagues and others in your community. This RFI is for information and planning purposes only and should not be construed as a solicitation or as an obligation on the part of the Federal Government in general, the NIH, or NIMH specifically. Responses to this RFI are voluntary. Respondents are advised that the Government is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information shared or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted.

Submitted information will not be considered confidential. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in your response.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel; Review of R25, UE5 and R13 applications.

*Date:* July 9, 2024.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Final Draft National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences FY2025–FY2029 Strategic Plan

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The goal of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) strategic planning

process is to set scientific areas of emphasis and priority approaches to anticipate and meet areas of opportunity for furthering environmental health sciences research, training, and translation. NIEHS makes available the final draft of the FY2025–FY2029 NIEHS Strategic Plan.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by 11:59:59 p.m. (ET) on July 21, 2024, to ensure consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted by email to [ehs-strategic-plan@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:ehs-strategic-plan@niehs.nih.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Nicole J. Garbarini, Office of Scientific Coordination, Planning, and Evaluation, email: [ehs-strategic-plan@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:ehs-strategic-plan@niehs.nih.gov) or call non-toll-free number 301-435-4642.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Federal Register notice is in accordance with the 21st Century Cures Act, requiring NIH and its Institutes and Centers to regularly update their strategic plans. NIEHS is one of the 27 institutes and centers that makes up the National Institute of Health, and conducts and supports research on factors in the environment that affect human health.

The mission of the NIEHS is to discover how the environment affects people, in order to promote healthier lives. The vision of the NIEHS is to provide global leadership for innovative research that improves public health by preventing disease and disability. NIEHS research covers all organ systems, diseases, and conditions that could be caused or affected by environmental impacts, which are defined broadly. The NIEHS achieves its mission and vision through multidisciplinary biomedical research programs, as well as prevention and intervention efforts. NIEHS research is disseminated to inform evidence-based environmental health policies to prevent disease and protect health. The NIEHS also focuses on communication and research translation strategies that encompass training, education, technology transfer, and community engagement.

During January 31–April 20, 2023, NIEHS solicited input to its strategic planning process through public comments on its 2018–2023 Strategic Plan and its associated goals, as well as any other aspect of environmental health sciences. Approximately 169 unique responses, both individual and group, were received in response to this RFI. In April 2023, NIEHS hosted a virtual community workshop including more than 100 invited participants from across diverse sectors to provide input