



The [American Epilepsy Society](#) (AES) recently announced exciting new awards for trainees. Funding is available for [early career scientists](#) and to [support scientific conferences](#) and workshops focused on epilepsy research and training. In addition, The AES Annual Meeting is coming up soon (December 2-6, 2016) in Houston. To learn more about the Meeting, please refer to the [AES Annual Meeting website](#).

Members of Congress recently passed a continuing resolution (CR) containing .5% across the board funding cuts, including for NIH and NSF, which could severely impact many important programs to the biomedical research enterprise. Members of Congress need to hear your stories of how the work you do pushes medical progress forward and hold the ability to improve life for people in the United States and around the globe in years to come. [Make your voice heard](#) by sending a letter to your Member of Congress.

## **IN THE NEWS**

- An NIH-funded study [found](#) that a new medication that targets part of the brain's stress system may help reduce alcohol use in people with alcohol use disorder.
- The American Academy of Neurology ([AAN](#)) took a major step in advancing their neurology [alternative payment models](#) (APMs) last week, when AAN staff met with leadership from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). More information about this endeavor can be found [here](#).
- The fourth season of [Healthy Minds with Dr. Jeff Borenstein](#), produced by the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation, will begin airing this fall on public television. Here is the [trailer](#) for Season 4.
- A study [revealed that](#) most adults with depression may not receive treatment, and that many who do undergo treatment might not have the disorder. The findings highlight the need to deliver appropriate care to people with depression.
- An independent panel convened by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has developed a 10-year [roadmap](#) for advancing research to prevent youth suicide.
- The National Institute on Drug Abuse ([NIDA](#)) has started posting some presentations given by Dr. Nora Volkow - the Director of NIDA to help scientists and people working in the field of drug addiction. You can access these presentations [here](#).
- Read this informative [blog post](#) released by the International Bipolar Foundation ([IBPF](#)) about what to do if you think someone might have bipolar disorder.
- New in study of depression - a study in mice found that [bone loss](#) may be a side-effect of some antidepressants; and that [work productivity](#) is a valuable factor in predicting treatment success in depression.
- Another study found that serotonin which is best known for its role in regulating mood in a positive way may also [induce distressing emotions](#).
- Another NIH-funded study [identified a possible therapeutic target](#) for a family of disorders called tauopathies.
- Twelve individuals will receive the first-ever [Champion of Environmental Health Research Award](#) from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), for their significant contributions to the field.
- The International Essential Tremor Foundation (IETF) is recruiting for a few research studies. You can find information about these studies [here](#).
- The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced a withdrawal of notice of intent to temporarily place Mitragynine and 7-Hydroxymitragynine into Schedule I. More details can be found [here](#).
- The [Center for BrainHealth](#) has some new announcements - Dr. Dianna Purvis Jaffin shared insight on [how processed foods can affect your brain](#). Also in the news is the virtual reality program, which helps teens navigate social anxiety, ADHD and more which was [featured on the TODAY show](#) in September.

## **FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS**

- In partnership with The Michael J. Fox Foundation (MJFF), over the next week, Nike is providing a special opportunity to help speed a cure for Parkinson's disease. You can take part by making a \$10 donation to MJFF [here](#), and you'll be entered into the Draw to win a pair of iconic Nike Mag shoe.



- [Register](#) for a free public service event entitled 'Health Systems and Addiction: The Use and Misuse of Legal Substances' to be held on Nov 16-17, 2016 in Washington, DC.
- The National Science Foundation's Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) invites you to attend as an observer the SBE Advisory Committee meeting on October 27-28, 2016 at NSF headquarters. The draft for the fall meeting can be found [here](#).
- The Annual meeting of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry ([AAAP](#)) will be held at Bonita Springs, Florida in December, 2016! You can check out the Preview Guide [here](#).
- You are invited to participate in the [Annual Meeting](#) of the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology ([ASCPP](#)) to be held at the Loews Miami Beach, May 29 - June 3, 2017, by submitting a proposal and attending the meeting. You can submit your abstract [here](#).
- The [ASCPP](#) also has an opportunity for volunteers - in this position, the individual will serve as a liaison with the ASCP Executive Office on the Self-Assessment Maintenance of Certification process for the ASCP Annual Meeting. The term would begin in November 2016 through July 2018. Send your CV to [info@ascpp.org](mailto:info@ascpp.org) to apply.
- [Register](#) for a seminar sponsored by AAAS entitled 'The Anxious Brain: The Neuroscience of Phobias' to be held on October 18, 2016 at the AAAS headquarters.
- Find out about [events, webinars and programs](#) hosted by the Brain & Behavior Research Foundation - these span the range, from [John Nash](#) to the [Neuroinflammatory Hypotheses of Depression](#).
- The [BIO Patient & Health Advocacy Summit](#) is hosting a [session](#) around the development of value assessment frameworks and incorporate patient perspectives in these frameworks and role they play in clinical decision-making.
- [Register](#) for a panel discussion hosted by the Michael J. Fox Foundation about blood pressure fluctuations seen with Parkinson's disease and the role medication plays. Panelists will also talk about lifestyle changes and medication options to manage blood pressure.