



Acronyms & Resource Guide

This guide includes the following: higher education and related associations; advocacy organizations and coalitions of interest to research universities; explanations of acronyms and terms commonly used in the university community; web links to government resources and agencies; Executive and Legislative Branch offices; and key federal research-related rules, regulations, and guidelines.

Higher Education and Research-Related Associations & Coalitions

AAHRPP	Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs www.aahrpp.org/	AMS	American Mathematical Society www.ams.org/
AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science www.aaas.org Working With Congress Online: www.aaas.org/spp/cstc/wwc/default.htm	APLU	Association of Public & Land-grant Universities www.aplu.org
AACC	American Association of Community Colleges www.aacc.nche.edu/	APS	American Physical Society www.aps.org
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges www.aamc.org	ARL	Association of Research Libraries arl.cni.org/
AAS	American Astronomical Society www.aas.org/	ASM	American Society for Microbiology www.asm.org/
AASCU	American Association of State Colleges and Universities www.aascu.org	AUTM	Association of University Technology Managers www.autm.net
AAU	Association of American Universities www.aau.edu	CF	The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching www.carnegiefoundation.org/
ACE	American Council on Education www.acenet.edu	CAMR	Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research www.stemcellfunding.org
ACS	American Chemical Society www.chemistry.org	CASE	Council for Advancement and Support of Education www.case.org/
Ad Hoc Group	Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding www.aamc.org/research/adhocgp/	CGS	Council of Graduate Schools www.cgsnet.org
Ad Hoc Tax Group	No Website Available	CHEA	Council for Higher Education Accreditation www.chea.org
AGB	Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges www.agb.org	The College Board	www.collegeboard.com
AGU	American Geophysical Union www.agu.org	CNSF	Coalition for National Science Funding www.cnsfweb.org/
ALA	American Library Association www.ala.org/	CNSR	Coalition for National Security Research www.cnsr.org/
<p style="text-align: center;">AAU Acronyms</p> <p>AGS Association of Graduate Schools</p> <p>CAO Chief Academic Officers (Provosts)</p> <p>CFR Council on Federal Relations</p> <p>PAN Public Affairs Network</p> <p>SRO Senior Research Officers</p>		COGR	Council on Governmental Relations www.cogr.edu
		CSSP	Council of Scientific Society Presidents www.mdsg.umces.edu/CSSP/home.html
		CVD	Congressional Visits Day www.agiweb.org/cvd/
		EDUCAUSE	www.educause.edu/
		ESC	Energy Sciences Coalition www.aps.org/public_affairs/issues/coalitions/esc/index.html
		ETS	Educational Testing Services www.ets.org/

FASEB	Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology www.faseb.org/	UIDP	Univ.-Industry Demonstration Partnership sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/uidp/
FDP	Federal Demonstration Project www.nsf.gov/awards/managing/fed_dem_part.jsp	UMR	United for Medical Research www.unitedformedicalresearch.com/
FSHC	Federation of State Humanities Councils www.statehumanities.com/	UNCF	United Negro College Fund www.uncf.org/
GUIRR	Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/guirr/	URA	University Research Association www.ura-hq.org/
HACU	Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities www.hacu.net/	USRA	Universities Space Research Association www.usra.edu
HEIT	Higher Education Information Technology Alliance www.heitalliance.org/	USSA	United States Student Association www.usstudents.org/
NABR	National Association for Biomedical Research www.nabr.org/	<p style="text-align: center;">The Six</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The six major presidential higher education associations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AAU, AASCU, APLU, ACE, NAICU, AACC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The presidents of these organizations are also referred to as The Six.</p>	
NACUA	National Association of College and University Attorneys www.nacua.org		
NACUBO	National Association of College and University Business Officers www.nacubo.org		
NAFEO	National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education www.nafeo.org		
NAFSA	National Assoc. for International Educators www.nafsa.org		
NAICU	National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities www.naicu.edu/		
NHA	National Humanities Alliance www.nhalliance.org/		
R!A	Research!America www.researchamerica.org/		
S4S	AAU Standards for Success www.s4s.org/		
SAA	Student Aid Alliance www.studentaidalliance.org/		
SRA	Society of Research Administrators, Int'l www.srainternational.org/newweb/default.cfm		
TFAI	Task Force on American Innovation www.innovationtaskforce.org/		
TSC	Science Coalition www.sciencecoalition.org/		

The National Academies:

www.nationalacademies.org

With links to:

NAS	National Academy of Sciences
NAE	National Academy of Engineering
IOM	Institute of Medicine
NRC	National Research Council
COSEPUP	Committee on Science, Engineering, and Public Policy www7.nationalacademies.org/cosepup/
SSB	Space Studies Board sites.nationalacademies.org/SSB
STEP	Board on Science, Technology, and Economic Policy www7.national-academies.org/step/

Useful Acronyms and Terms

BAA: Broad Agency Announcement (used mainly by DOD to announce new programs)

Budget Functions: The Budget Resolution recommends totals of new budget authority and outlays by functional category. The following budget functions contain the agencies that AAU tracks:

Function 050 (National Defense)

Function 250 (Science, Space and Technology)

Function 500 (Education, Training, Employment and Social Services - Higher Ed)

Function 550 (Health)

Dear Colleague Letter: A mass-produced letter usually initiated by an advocacy group and sent by one or more Members of Congress to all members. "Dear Colleagues" usually describe a new bill and ask for cosponsors or ask for a member's vote on an issue.

Defense S&T Accounts: The defense S&T program consists of three accounts: basic research (6.1), applied research (6.2) and advanced technology development (6.3).

EAR: Export Administration Regulations, which govern exports of dual-use items. Administered by the Bureau of Industry and Security in the Department of Commerce. 207.96.48.13/policiesandregulations/index.htm

302(a) Allocations and 302(b) Allocations: The report that accompanies the budget resolution includes a table called the "302(a) allocation." The table distributes by congressional committee the spending totals for each budget function in the budget resolution. Because committee jurisdictions differ somewhat between the House and Senate, the 302(a) allocation tables for each chamber are slightly different. The Appropriations Committee receives a single 302(a) allocation for all of its programs. It then decides on its own how to divide this funding among its 12 subcommittees, creating what are known as 302(b) sub-allocations.

HEA: Higher Education Act of 1965

Select Titles in the HEA:

Title II: Teacher Quality

Title III: Institutional Aid

Title IV: Student Financial Assistance

Title VI: International Education Programs

Title VII: Graduate and Postsecondary Improvement Programs

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972: Ban on sex discrimination at institutions receiving Federal funds.

IP: Intellectual Property

IT: Information Technology

ITAR: International Traffic in Arms Regulation that regulates technologies that have both military and non-military applications. Administered by the Department of State. www.pmdetc.state.gov/regulations_laws/itar.html

ORU: Organized Research Unit (typically used in a university setting to designate a center or other entity that is formally organized to carry out research.)

PI: Principal Investigator

P2P: Peer to Peer File Sharing

RAGS: Rising Above the Gathering Storm Report, 2005

RFI: Request for Information

RFP: Request for Proposal

RFA: Request for Applications

SEVIS: Student Exchange and Visitor Information System. Administered through the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) in the Department of Homeland Security. www.immigration.gov/graphics/shared/sevis/sevis.htm

S&T: Science and Technology

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

TTO: Technology Transfer Office

Key Federal Research-Related Laws, Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines

www.regulations.gov

Bayh-Dole Act of 1980, P.L. 96-517:

A legal framework for transfer of university generated, federally funded inventions to the commercial marketplace. A useful overview is available at:

www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_02/37cfr401_02.html

Conflict of Interest (NIH):

Regulations regarding animals and human subjects.

www.nih.gov/about/ethics_COI.htm

FAR: Federal Acquisition Regulations:

Regulations regarding federal procurement contracts.

www.arnet.gov/far/

FOIA: The Freedom of Information Act:

This generally provides that any person has a right, enforceable in court, to obtain access to federal agency records, except to the extent that such records (or portions of them) are protected from disclosure by one of nine exemptions or by one of three special law enforcement record exclusions.

www.usdoj.gov/oip/foi-act.htm

MTA: Material Transfer Agreement:

Agreements governing the transfer of tangible materials, usually biological, from one institution to another. NIH policy is critical with regard to MTA issues.

ott.od.nih.gov/NewPages/RTguide_final.html

NSDD-189: National Security Decision Directive:

A directive to establish national policy for controlling the flow of science, technology, and engineering information produced in federally-funded fundamental research at colleges, universities, and laboratories.

www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nsdd/nsdd-189.htm

OMB Circular A-21:

Establishes principles for determining costs applicable to grants, contracts, and other agreements with education institutions.

www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a021/a021.html

OMB Circular A-110:

Sets the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) standards for obtaining consistency and uniformity among federal agencies in the administration of grants to and agreements with institutions of higher education, hospitals, and other non-profit organizations.

www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a110/a110.html

Executive Branch—Key Research Sites

www.whitehouse.gov/government/

Code of Federal Regulations	www.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/index.html	NIH	National Institutes of Health www.nih.gov NIH Grants Policy Statement grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps_2010/index.htm NIH Award Data report.nih.gov/award/trends/FindOrg.cfm NIH Budget www.nih.gov/about/budget.htm
DOD	Department of Defense www.dod.gov AFR: Air Force Office of Scientific Research www.wpafb.af.mil/afrl/afosr/ ARO: Army Research Office www.arl.army.mil/www/default.cfm?page=29 ONR: Office of Naval Research www.onr.navy.mil/ DARPA: Defense Advanced Projects Agency www.darpa.mil DDR&E: Defense Research and Engineering www.acq.osd.mil/ddre/ DSB: Defense Science Board www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/	NSF	National Science Foundation www.nsf.gov National Science Board www.nsf.gov/nsb/ R&RA: Research & Related Activities Account www.nsf.gov/bfa/bud/fy2001/pdf/summary.pdf EHR: Education and Human Resources Directorate www.ehr.nsf.gov/ EPSCOR: Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research www.ehr.nsf.gov/epscor/ MRE: Major Research Equipment Account www.nsf.gov/home/about/mreo1.html OLPA: Office of Legislative and Public Affairs www.nsf.gov/od/lpa
DOE	Department of Energy www.energy.gov/ Office of Science www.er.doe.gov/ ARPA-E arpa-e.energy.gov/		
DHS	Department of Homeland Security www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/ Immigration and Customs Enforcement www.ice.gov	NSTC	National Science and Technology Council www.climate-science.gov/about/cenr.htm
ED	Department of Education www.ed.gov/ Advisory Committee on Student Financial Aid www2.ed.gov/about/bdscomm/list/acsfa/ Office of Postsecondary Education www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html National Center for Education Statistics nces.ed.gov/	OMB	Office of Management and Budget www.whitehouse.gov/omb/ Budget Tutorials: www.house.gov/budget/budgettutorial.htm
Federal Register	www.gpoaccess.gov/fr	OSTP	Office of Science and Technology Policy www.ostp.gov/
First Gov	Guide to Federal Government www.firstgov.com	RBM	Research Business Models Subcommittee rbm.nih.gov/acre.htm
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration www.nasa.gov/ Education Program: education.nasa.gov/index.html Office of the Chief Technologist www.nasa.gov/offices/oct/home/index.html	SearchGov	Links to Executive and Independent Agencies www.searchgov.com
		USCIS	Bureau of Citizens and Immigration Services www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis SEVIS: Student and Exchange Visitor Information System www.ice.gov/sevis/
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities www.neh.gov		

Legislative Branch— Key Sites

CBO	Congressional Budget Office www.cbo.gov/
CRS	Congressional Research Service www.loc.gov/ocrinfo/
C-SPAN	Includes Live Audio Feeds from House & Senate Floors www.c-span.org
Copyright Office	www.loc.gov/copyright/
GAO	General Accounting Office www.gao.gov/
House	U.S. House of Representatives www.house.gov
GPO	Government Printing Office www.gpo.gov
LC	Library of Congress www.loc.gov/
PTO	Patent and Trademark Office www.uspto.gov/
Senate	U.S. Senate www.senate.gov
THOMAS	Legislative Information on the Internet thomasloc.gov