FRIENDS OF ORWH
NIH Office of Research on Women's Health

FISCAL YEAR 2027 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

For decades, women were overlooked in federal research. Today, many issues that differently, disproportionately, or solely affect women are under researched and underfunded. **We must uphold the institutions that are investing in women's health and sex differences research.** By doing so, we can ensure more effective, efficient research; improve treatments; and pave the way for a healthier future for all.

Women represent 51% of the U.S. population, yet clinical and basic research have historically overlooked their unique health needs. A January 2026 survey from Research!America found that an **overwhelming majority** of Americans believe that medical progress should be a top priority over the next 50 years. Not only that, but **88%** of Americans think it is important that medical research account for sex-based differences. Ultimately, medical research fuels the U.S. economy and safeguards the health of future generations.

ORWH plays a distinct and essential role at NIH and across the research enterprise. By prioritizing funding and support for the ORWH, Congress can help strengthen public confidence in medical advancements, ensuring they are safe, effective, and inclusive for both women and men.

The Friends of the Office of Research on Women's Health urge Congress to provide robust investments in the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) in fiscal year (FY) 2027 appropriations.

Appropriations Report Language Request

Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH).—The agreement includes $136.48 million in base funding for ORWH. ORWH's work contributes to improving the health of women from head to toe and across the lifespan, positively impacting the health of all. Congress is committed to ensuring women's health research is represented and appropriately integrated across NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices to advance rigorous, reproducible, high-quality research. Within 180 days of enactment of this Act, NIH is directed to submit a public report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees describing how each NIH Institute, Center, and Office has incorporated women's health priorities into its research agenda, including current activities, strategic priorities, and plans to strengthen the integration of women's health research across its portfolio.

A strong commitment to women's health research is a commitment to effective, efficient research. We urge Congress to prioritize women's health research in FY 2027 appropriations by increasing funding for ORWH to help it fulfill its mission on behalf of the American people.