

General Schedule of Events

All events in Bldg 10. Light refreshments will be served. Food trucks available for lunch, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Monday, September 14

- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vendor Exhibit Show Day 1, South Lobby
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vendor Workshops Day 1, FAES Classrooms

Tuesday, September 15

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Intro and TED-style Opening Talk, Lipsett Amphitheater
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Concurrent Intramural Workshops Day 1, FAES Classrooms
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. NIH Resource Information Fair, South Lobby
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bioinformatics and AI Symposium, NIH Library
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Poster Session I, FAES Terrace
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Staff Scientists Mini-Symposium, Lipsett Amphitheater
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Poster Session II, FAES Terrace
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Staff Clinicians Mini-Symposium, Lipsett Amphitheater
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Poster Session III, FAES Terrace

Wednesday, September 16

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Poster Session IV, FAES Terrace
- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Women’s Health (ORWH) and Behavior & Social Sci. (OBSSR) Award Presentations, Lipsett Amphitheater
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Anita B. Roberts Lecture, Masur Auditorium
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Design Considerations for 3D Printing, NIH Library
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Concurrent Intramural Workshops Day 2, FAES Classrooms
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Green Labs Fair, South Lobby
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Poster Session V, FAES Terrace
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Victoria A. Harden Lecture in NIH History, Masur Auditorium
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Poster Session VI, FAES Terrace
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Virtual Reality Demos, NIH Library
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. WALG G. Burroughs Mider Lecture, Masur Auditorium
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Poster Session VII, FAES Terrace

Thursday, September 17

- 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. AI in Action at NIH, hosted by NIH Library, Masur Auditorium
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vendor Exhibit Show Day 2, South Lobby & FAES Terrace
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vendor Workshops Day 2, FAES Classrooms
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Small Business Expo, FAES Classroom #1&2
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. AI Workshops, NIH Library

Friday, September 18

- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vendor Exhibit Show Day 3, South Lobby
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vendor Workshops Day 3, FAES Classrooms

About the Technical Vendor Association (TVA) and the Research Festival Vendor Show

The Technical Vendor Association (TVA), founded in 2023, is a national organization dedicated to advancing and recognizing the technical sales profession. Built on decades of combined industry sales experience, the TVA was created in the wake of the disruptive COVID pandemic to foster the networking and professional relationships that have been key to its founders’ success. Through its growing network, members engage with fellow technical sales professionals, as well as researchers, scientists, and technicians, building the relationships and knowledge essential for continued professional growth. For more information, visit <https://technicalvendor.com>.

About the NIH Research Festival

The NIH Research Festival is an annual, multi-day event that highlights the scientific discoveries and advances made by scientists in NIH labs and clinics. Started in 1986 as “NIH Research Day,” the festival provides an opportunity for scientists, including trainees, to share their work with their peers through lecture and poster sessions and also to get to know their “neighbors” across the NIH. The event additionally features information tables and workshops where attendees can learn about new scientific resources, tools, and techniques, as well as exhibits from more than 100 biotech companies. Thank you for participating in this important venue for networking, collaboration, and exploring the future of biomedical and behavioral research.

Research Festival Committee

The 2026 NIH Research Festival Committee is chaired by the NIH Office of Intramural Research (OIR) senior staff. The Research Festival Coordinator is Diana Gomez (OIR). Additional support was provided by the NIH Library, the NIH Office of Research Services (ORS), the NIH Recreation and Welfare Association (NIH R&W), and the Technical Vendors Association. Special thanks to Bani Bhattacharya, David Browne, Kathleen McGlaughlin, Minoo Shakoury-Elizeh, Angela Stubbs-Diggs, Christopher Wanjek, and Susan Wong for their planning support; Roy Flores Galvis and Anna Kievla for FAES venue support; Walter Ayla-Martinez and Dylan Hoyos for audiovisual support; and the Television Operations Center team for videocasting the lectures.



For more information, please visit researchfestival.nih.gov. You can also e-mail us at researchfest@mail.nih.gov.



- Join us for:
- TED-style Opening Talk
 - NIH Library Workshops and Demos
 - Staff Scientists Mini-Symposium
 - Staff Clinicians Mini-Symposium
 - Poster Sessions
 - Concurrent Intramural Workshops
 - NIH Resource Information Fair
 - Green Labs Fair
 - Small Business Expo
 - Biomedical Vendor Exhibits and Workshops
 - Harden History Lecture, Anita Roberts Lecture, and G. Burroughs Mider Lecture

September 14–18, 2026

Building 10 | NIH Bethesda Campus

Lipsett Amphitheater, Masur Auditorium, NIH Library, South Lobby, FAES Terrace, and FAES Classrooms

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10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. NIH Research Festival Kick-Off, Lipsett Amphitheater
Introduction by Roland Owens, Ph.D., DDIR (act.)
TED-style Opening Talk by Stephanie Chung, MBBS, Lasker Clinical Research Scholar

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. NIH Resource Information Fair, South Lobby
Representatives from numerous NIH groups will staff information tables. Stop by and take a look!

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Poster Session I, FAES Terrace
Molecular Pharmacology and Neuroscience

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Staff Scientists Mini-Symposium, Lipsett Amphitheater
The objective of this session is to showcase the breadth and versatility of contributions by NIH Staff Scientists, highlighting their scientific expertise, innovative approaches, and collaborative efforts across NIH Institutes and Centers.

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Poster Session II, FAES Terrace
Cell Biology, Developmental Biology, and Immunology

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. NIH Staff Clinician Mini-Symposium, Lipsett Amphitheater
Learn practical knowledge of research funding opportunities, models of successful interinstitutional collaboration, and leadership pathways for NIH clinical research.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Poster Session III, FAES Terrace
Biomedical Engineering & Biophysics, Genetics & Genomics, Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, and Structural Biology

Wednesday, September 16

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Poster Session IV, FAES Terrace
Cancer and Clinical Research

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The Office of Research on Women’s Health (ORWH) and Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences (OBSSR) Women’s Health Intramural Innovation Award Presentations, Lipsett Amphitheater

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Green Labs Fair, South Lobby

Concurrent Intramural Workshops Day 2
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. FAES Classrooms and Lipsett Amphitheater

FAES Classrooms
CLASSROOM #1: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Disability Health Scientific Interest Group
CLASSROOM #2: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. All of Us Research Program
CLASSROOM #3: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. NIH Biosafety Officers
CLASSROOM #4: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. NIH Rural Health Scientific Interest Group
CLASSROOM #5: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Office of Research Services (ORS), Research Security in Action: Safeguarding Innovation

CLASSROOM #6: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Health Disparities Interest Group Steering Committee
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Artificial Intelligence Scientific Interest Group
CLASSROOM #7: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Zebrafish Frog Scientific Interest Group
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Small Molecule Therapeutics

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Anita B. Roberts Lecture with Dr. Marisela Morales, Masur Auditorium
Neuronal Diversity and Control of Behavior

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Design Considerations for 3D Printing, NIH Library
Jonathan Krynitsky, IDEAS and Kim Castle, BETA Makerspace

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Poster Session V, FAES Terrace
Chemical Biology, Computational Biology, and Epidemiology

11:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Victoria A. Harden Lecture in NIH History with hosts Drs. Michael Gottesman and Richard Wyatt, Masur Auditorium
The NIH Intramural Research Program: What’s Love Got to Do With It?

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Poster Session VI, FAES Terrace
Social and Behavioral Sciences, Research Support Services, and a special SD/CD session with a bake-off contest

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Virtual Reality Demos, NIH Library

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. WALS G. Burroughs Mider Lecture with Dr. Shiv Grewal, Masur Auditorium
The Genome Remembers: Beyond the Genetic Code

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Poster Session VII, FAES Terrace
Chromosome Biology, Health Disparities, Molecular Biology & Biochemistry, Stem Cell Biology, Systems Biology, RNA Biology, and Virology

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