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Greetings and Congratulations,

Welcome to the 2016 National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director’s Awards Ceremony! Today, we salute the outstanding achievements of 552 people who have set the standard of excellence for us all. By demonstrating extraordinary perseverance and commitment in the fields of scientific research, administration, mentoring, and clinical care, these individuals truly reflect the best of NIH.

Each year, I am amazed and humbled by the accomplishments of the latest round of honorees. Together, their work demonstrates an exceptional dedication to helping NIH carry out its mission of supporting scientific advances that improve human health.

As Director of NIH, it is my pleasure to say thank you to each of today’s award recipients for your impressive contributions. You have challenged the status quo and found solutions to complex challenges—and, in the process, raised the bar for everyone who works for NIH.

I also want to recognize your family members, friends, and co-workers, including all who are attending this ceremony. Thanks to their support and understanding, your loved ones truly have been able to go above and beyond in serving NIH.

Today, NIH welcomes the opportunity to celebrate yet another extraordinary group of awardees. Because of your dedication, NIH has succeeded—and will continue to succeed—in advancing biomedical research in ways that benefit not only our own nation, but the entire world.

We salute your accomplishments and offer best wishes for continued success,

Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, NIH
# 2016 NIH DIRECTOR’S AWARDS

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NIH DIRECTOR’S AWARDS CEREMONY
NIH DIRECTOR’S AWARDS

The NIH Director’s Award recognizes superior performance or special efforts significantly beyond the regular duty requirements, and directly related to fulfilling the mission of the National Institutes of Health. The three categories of the NIH Director’s Award:

**Scientific/Medical**

The awardees in this category have accomplished one of the following:
» Unusual display of leadership that promoted the advancement of the understanding or application of scientific phenomena, processes or problems
» Unusual achievement in the application of scientific principles and methods to improve the efficiency or extend the benefits of the NIH
» Discovery or invention of a new principle, process or device of a scientific nature that resulted in substantial benefits
» Unusual competence, compassion, or heroism in an emergency situation at NIH
» Sustained and excellent performance in carrying out a difficult task
» Outstanding contribution to a special committee or task force dealing with NIH-wide policies, procedures or operations
» Skill and leadership in science

**Administrative**

The awardees in this category have accomplished one of the following:
» Exceptional initiative or leadership in carrying out activities to improve NIH program operations or to benefit the NIH environment
» Development and improvement of methods, procedures, or equipment that resulted in substantial benefits to the NIH or government
» Unusual competence, compassion, or heroism in an emergency situation at NIH
» Sustained and excellent performance in carrying out a difficult task
» Outstanding contribution to a special committee or task force dealing with NIH-wide policies, procedures or operations
» Notable competence and resourcefulness in improving the administrative management of the NIH
» Skill and leadership in administration

**Technical/Clerical/Support**

The awardees in this category have accomplished one of the following:
» Outstanding efforts in applying technical or clerical support skills to accomplish the NIH mission
» Exceptional initiative in carrying out activities to improve NIH program operations or to benefit the NIH environment
» Unusual competence, compassion, or heroism in an emergency situation at NIH
» Sustained and excellent performance in carrying out a difficult task
CLINICAL CENTER

Administrative

Rebekah E. Geiger, CC
For excellence in leading Clinical Center administrative policy development, governance support, strategic plan monitoring, and oversight of operations of the Edmond J. Safra Family Lodge.

Technical/Clerical/Support

Daniel M. McAnally, CC
For unwavering administrative and clerical support of Clinical Center educational activities, including Grand Rounds, Demystifying Medicine, and the core clinical research curriculum benefitting the NIH.

CENTER FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Scientific/Medical

MRI Guided Cardiovascular Intervention Team
In recognition of The Development of Physiological Recording in MRI Environment (PRiME) for the Implementation of Radiation-Free MRI-Guided Right Heart Catheterization.

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Virtual-reality Systems Group
In recognition of using virtual-reality systems to dissect neural circuits of color-vision.

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Scientific/Medical

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For exceptional research and leadership efforts providing critical advances in understanding rare diseases and developing novel therapies for pediatric cancer patients.

CCR Science Board
For exceptionally insightful and diligent guidance, oversight, and leadership in developing scientific projects that will shape the future of the NCI intramural program.

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For extraordinary contributions to cancer and cardiovascular research through the development and implementation of a comprehensive, multi-institute approach to improve outcomes in cancer treatment-related cardiotoxicity.

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Enterprise Solutions Team of the Office of Science and Technology Resources
For developing the CCR Research Exchange, a comprehensive platform empowering NCI investigators by connecting them with cutting-edge resources from a global network of research partners.

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Scientific/Medical

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In recognition of extraordinary contributions to the field of systems neuroscience.

Ebola Vision Research Support Team
For outstanding diagnostic testing and logistical support of the vision portion of the Ebola Study being conducted in Monrovia, Liberia.

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Electronic Health Record Source Data Capture FDA Demonstration Project Team
In recognition of leadership in developing a standards-based technology to integrate electronic health record data and clinical research data.

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NEI Audacious Goals Management Leadership Group
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For developing the trans-NIH Clinical Center Genomics Opportunity (CCGO) program, which establishes the first NIH Clinical Center genomic test with CLIA-compliant exome sequencing.

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Administrative

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Scientific/Medical

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Scientific/Medical

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In recognition of contributions to elucidating the genetic basis of Parkinson's Disease.

Administrative

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In recognition of exemplary leadership, creativity, and teamwork in creating Go4Life Month 2015 to expand opportunities for physical activity among older adults.

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Administrative

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For sustained and extraordinary initiative, leadership, and performance in the challenging task of developing and disseminating NIAAA College Alcohol Intervention Matrix, “CollegeAIM.”

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Scientific/Medical

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Scientific/Medical

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Scientific/Medical

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Scientific/Medical

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Scientific/Medical

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For outstanding research on the relationship between sex steroids, stress, and mood, and outreach to the public about the importance of this research.

Administrative

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For the invaluable contributions of the NIH NeuroBioBank team to accelerating brain research through increased access to high quality tissue.

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Scientific/Medical

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Technical/Clerical/Support

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For scientific and medical excellence and the outstanding, compassionate care for patients and those who love them.
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PHS NIH Commissioned Corps Distinguished Service Medal

The Distinguished Service Medal is the highest Commissioned Corps honor award. It is presented to an officer who has demonstrated a genuine sense of public service by making exceptional contributions to the mission of the PHS. Achievements to be recognized may range from extraordinary management of a major health program to a heroic act.

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

  CAPT William Elkins, NIAID
  For guiding the dramatic expansion of the intramural animal research program to support the NIAID Strategic Plan for Biodefense Research and NIH Microbiome.

PHS NIH Commissioned Corps Meritorious Service Medal

The Meritorious Service Medal is the second highest Commissioned Corps honor award granted to an officer. It recognizes a single, particularly important achievement; a career notable for accomplishments in technical or professional fields; or unusually high quality and initiative in leadership.

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The Outstanding Service Medal is presented to Commissioned Officers who have demonstrated outstanding, continuous leadership in carrying out the mission of the Public Health Service; performed a single accomplishment which has had a major effect on the health of the Nation; or performed a heroic act resulting in the preservation of life or health.

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Extraordinary leadership, unwavering commitment and outstanding service for the NIH CCDRIS.

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CDR Jill Long, NIAID
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The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award of the Year

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For your perseverance to open the world of research and science to students of diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds at the National Institutes of Health.

Harvey J. Bullock Jr. Award

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For exceptional vision, dedication and sustained leadership in initiating, planning and implementing the NIMHD Equity, Diversity and Respect Initiative.