



Fiscal Year 2016 Funding Priorities for Entomology

The Entomological Society of America (ESA) calls for sustained funding growth at federal agencies to allow researchers to work toward revolutionary breakthroughs in food security and safety and environmental and human health, as well as our fundamental understanding of insect biology.

ESA recognizes the tight fiscal environment facing the nation and is appreciative of congressional support for federal science agencies. Robust investments in the agencies and programs detailed below are vital to ensuring America's ability to meet critical challenges such as increasing and improving crop production and protection, training the next generation of scientists and engineers, preventing and treating vector-borne diseases, and ensuring a safe and healthy environment. These investments also will help drive future economic success and job growth.

- **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA):** ESA supports the FY 2016 requested level of **\$1.508 billion for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)**, including at least **\$450 million for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)**, which administers competitive funding for innovative research, extension, and education activities. ESA also supports the FY 2016 requested level **\$1.398 billion for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS)** and **\$6.489 billion for the U.S. Forest Service (USFS)**.
- **National Science Foundation (NSF):** ESA supports the requested level of **\$7.724 billion** for NSF in FY 2016 and encourages the greatest possible support for the Directorate of Biological Sciences (BIO).
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):** ESA supports an FY 2016 funding level of **\$8.6 billion** for EPA, including support for Pesticides Licensing Program Area activities.
- **National Institutes of Health (NIH):** ESA supports a robust FY 2016 appropriation for NIH, including the proposed increase in funding for insect-borne disease research at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):** ESA supports increased investment in FY 2016 for the core infectious diseases budget and the global health budget within CDC in order to fund scientific activities related to insect-borne diseases.

ESA, headquartered in Annapolis, Maryland, is the largest organization in the world serving the professional and scientific needs of entomologists and individuals in related disciplines. Founded in 1889, ESA has nearly 7,000 members affiliated with educational institutions, health agencies, private industry, and government. Members are researchers, teachers, extension service personnel, administrators, marketing representatives, research technicians, consultants, students, pest management professionals, and hobbyists. For more information about the Entomological Society of America, please see <http://www.entsoc.org/>.