



October 2024

### ASHG Calendar: Events and Important Dates

- Applications are open for the ASHG-NHGRI Genomics and Public Service Fellowship Program now through January 4, 2025! The program provides training and career development in public policy, education and engagement, science communications and scientific administration. Opportunities are available for individuals at the postbaccalaureate and graduate levels. You can learn more and apply [here](#)!
- Catch up: [Watch the recording](#) of our "Demystifying Advocacy: The Role of Scientists Shaping Policy" webinar for an introduction to ASHG's role in the biomedical research advocacy community and why it is so vital for scientists to act. If you want even more techniques to become an effective advocate, you can also [watch the recording](#) of ASHG's "Advocacy in Action: Effective Techniques for Shaping Science Policy"!
- It's not too late to join us in Denver, Colorado for the ASHG Annual Meeting on November 5-9, 2024. Register [here](#) and get access to networking events, interactive workshops, and more! Don't forget to [build your own schedule](#)!
- ***The Advocate Update* is taking a break for the ASHG 2024 Annual Meeting next month. We will return in December with a post-election update. See you in Denver!**

### Policy and Advocacy at the ASHG 2024 Annual Meeting



ASHG is excited to host great policy and advocacy events at our 2024 Annual Meeting, including our **Policy Forum: *The Next Frontier of AI/ML in Human Genetics/Genomics***. This event will take place on Wednesday, November 6 at 3:00 pm MT. We hope to see you there!

Also, stop by the Policy & Advocacy booth at ASHG Central to learn more about ASHG's policy work and upcoming opportunities to get involved.

## Updated Advocacy Webpages



ASHG recently restructured the ASHG Advocacy Center! It is now easier than ever for you to explore ASHG's [policy positions and past statements](#). You can also take action to become an ASHG advocate [here](#), whether you want to explore past webinars, check out our advocacy fact sheets, or even learn how to contact Congress!

## In Other Policy News

- Election Day is only a few weeks away! As a research advocate, you can remind candidates of the critical importance of medical, health, and scientific research in addressing our challenges - from personal and community health to national defense, security, and economic well-being. Check out Research!America's [candidate engagement toolkit](#), as well as other resources on their [2024 election webpage](#)!
  - NIH recently put out a request for information seeking public feedback on implementing recommendations to re-envision the postdoctoral experience until October 23. You can read the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)'s response [here](#). ASHG works in coalition with FASEB as an associate member.
  - Congressional leaders have worked together to pass a continuing resolution that will fund the government through December 20, 2024. You can read more about the CR [here](#).
  - Post-Election Implications: On the heels of the election, Research!America is hosting a briefing on November 13 at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) office in Washington, D.C., to discuss how the election results may impact medical and scientific research. Register [here](#) to learn more!
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