

NIMH Overview and Priorities

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About the NIMH



- The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is the lead federal agency for research on mental illnesses.
- NIMH supports more than 3,000 research grants and contracts at universities and other institutions across the country and overseas.
- NIMH intramural research programs support approximately 600 scientists working on the NIH campuses.

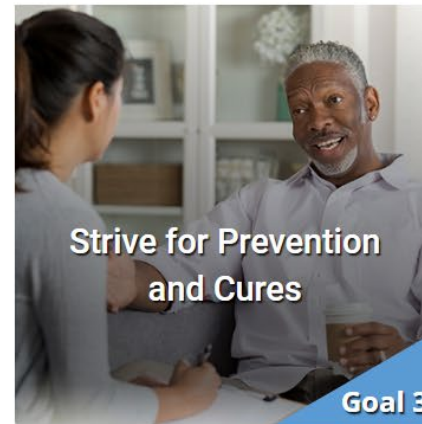
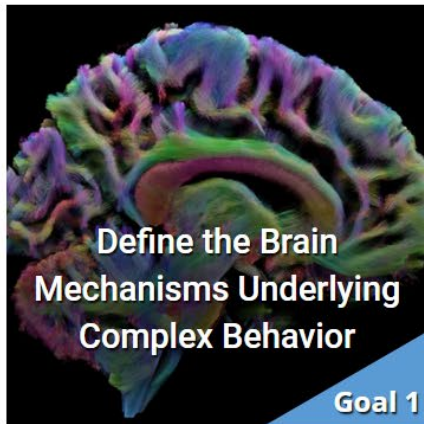


NIMH Strategic Plan

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The NIMH Strategic Plan for Research outlines the Institute's research goals and priorities over the next five years



NIMH is Working to:

- Expand the knowledge base of SGM mental health and well-being.
- Remove barriers to planning, conducting, and reporting NIMH-supported research on SGM mental health and well-being.
- Strengthen the community of researchers who conduct mental health research relevant to SGM populations.



NIMH Sexual and Gender Minority Research Priorities

- **Identification of mutable and mechanistic causes** of disparities in mental health clinical (including suicide thoughts and behaviors) and functional outcomes (including SMI) from which interventions targeting health equity can be developed and tested.
- Studies of how **non-mental health specialty settings** can contribute to and support screening, referral, diagnosis, and treatment or prevention of mental illness and suicide behavior in SGM populations.
- Studies to better understand **disparities in HIV** rates and outcomes among SGM individuals living with HIV and how to mitigate them.
- Studies that assess the **factors impeding scale up** of efficacious HIV prevention interventions for SGM individuals and develop approaches to address these barriers.

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/organization/od/odwd/coordination-of-sexual-and-gender-minority-mental-health-research-at-nimh>

Some Relevant NIMH Funding Opportunities or Notices

- Addressing Health and Health Care Disparities among Sexual and Gender Minority Populations (R01 - Clinical Trials Optional) (PAR-24-077)
- Notice of Special Interest in Research on Family Support and Rejection in the Health and Well-Being of SGM Populations (NOT-OD-23-166)

List of all NIMH Opportunities and Announcements

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/funding/opportunities-announcements>

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