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Opportunity to Fund Research Investigating Microbiome in Lupus

Studying the microbiome to reveal more about the cause of autoimmune disease has been a growing area of exploration for Lupus Research Institute (LRI)-funded researchers, with several studies in progress. We wanted to alert you all of additional opportunities for grants dedicated to microbiome research.

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) announced in May a new National Microbiome Initiative (NMI) to advance understanding of microbiome behavior and enable protection and restoration of healthy microbiome function.

Numerous federal agencies are involved including the Department of Energy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Department of Agriculture with each committing significant research funding. The Federal Initiative will involve more than \$121 million in Fiscal 2016 and 2017. In addition, more than 100 external institutions announced new efforts to support microbiome science to include more than \$400 million in financial and in-kind contributions.

The microbiome in lupus holds the potential for breakthroughs across autoimmune disease and is highly relevant to many of the NMI participants. [Click here](#) for information issued by the OSTP detailing the extensive funding sources.

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The world's leading private supporter of innovative research in lupus, the LRI champions scientific risk-taking in the hunt for solutions to this complex and dangerous autoimmune disease.

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