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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

Release of the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal
Subject: President Obama will release his proposed budget for fiscal year 2016.

Higher Education and the President’s Budget Proposal
Subject: The U.S. Department of Education will hold a Higher Education briefing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request.
Time and Location: 1:00 p.m.; National Library of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.
Contact: No RSVP. Photo ID and business card required.

STEM Investments in the President’s Budget Proposal
Subject: The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) will host an event to discuss the research and development, innovation and STEM education investments included in the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposal.
Participants: Dr. John P. Holdren, assistant to the President for science and technology, director, OSTP; Dr. France Córdova, director, National Science Foundation; Dr. Pat Falcone, associate director for National Security and International Affairs, OSTP; and Dr. Jo Handelsman, associate director for science, OSTP.
**Time and Location:** 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 1200 New York Avenue NW, 2nd Floor Auditorium, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** No RSVP is required and there will be a live webcast of the briefing at: [http://www.aaas.org/event/fy-2016-federal-research-development-budget-briefing](http://www.aaas.org/event/fy-2016-federal-research-development-budget-briefing).

**President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal for DOI**

**Subject:** The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) will host a teleconference to discuss the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for the DOI.

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Dial-in: 888.642.8528, access code: Interior.

**ED and the President’s Budget Proposal**

**Subject:** The U.S. Department of Education will hold a general briefing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Proposal.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m.; 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** No RSVP required, however attendees are required to bring photo identification and a business card. To view a webcast version of the event, go to: [http://edstream.ed.gov/webcast/Play/3154382b578646b69f2887f643d1e16f1d?catalog=82d9933c-1256-4cb2-8783-89599eb97fd8](http://edstream.ed.gov/webcast/Play/3154382b578646b69f2887f643d1e16f1d?catalog=82d9933c-1256-4cb2-8783-89599eb97fd8).

**U.S. Geological Survey**

**Subject:** The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) will host an event to discuss the U.S. Geological Survey as it relates to the President’s Budget Request.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.; DOI, 1849 C Street, NW, Rachel Carson Room, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** RSVP to karmstrong@usgs.gov or dial-in: 703.648.4848, access code: 13945#.

**President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal for DOC**

**Subject:** The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) will host a teleconference to discuss the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for the DOC.

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Dial-in: 800.619.8846, access code: 8259373.

**National Science Foundation’s FY 2016 Budget Overview**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) will host an event to discuss its FY 2016 Budget Overview.

**Participant:** Dr. France Córdova, director, NSF.

**Time and Location:** 3:30 p.m.; 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

**Contact:** RSVP to budget_rollout@nsf.gov.

**Department of Energy and the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal**

**Subject:** The Department of Energy will host an event to discuss the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal for programs at the Department of Energy.

**Time and Location:** 3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.; U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** RSVP to Diane.Meck@hq.doe.gov with “Budget Presentation RSVP” in the subject line. A government-issued photo ID is required to enter the building. A live stream of the event can be found at: [http://www.energy.gov/secretary-moniz-fiscal-year-2016-budget-rollout](http://www.energy.gov/secretary-moniz-fiscal-year-2016-budget-rollout).

**President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal for NASA**

**Subject:** The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will host a live stream of the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal for programs at NASA.

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Contact:** View the livestream at: [http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/index.html#.VM-fl9LF91k](http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/index.html#.VM-fl9LF91k).
President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal for NIH

**Subject:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will host an event to discuss the President’s FY 2016 Budget Proposal for NIH programs.

**Time and Location:** 4:00 p.m.; NIH, 1 Center Drive (Building 1), Wilson Hall, Bethesda, MD.

**Contact:** RSVP to daozhong.jin@nih.gov with “BUDGET” in the subject line.

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

**National Science Foundation Board Meeting**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation will hold a National Science Board Meeting from February 3 - 4.

**Time and Location:** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.


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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

**House Budget Committee Hearing**

**Subject:** The House Committee on the Budget will hold a hearing to discuss the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget.

**Participant:** Shaun L. S. Donovan, director, Office of Management and Budget.

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m.; 210 Cannon HOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.226.7270.

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

None.

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015**

None.

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**On The Floor This Week**

**Senate Floor:**

**H.R. 203** – Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act

**House Floor:**

**H.R. 50** – Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act of 2015

**H.R. 527** – Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015

**H.R. 597** – To repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and for other purposes

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**Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events**

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:

[http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf](http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf)
U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayoult/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm
U.S. Senate Budget Committee: http://www.budget.senate.gov
U.S. House Budget Committee: http://www.house.gov/budget
Congressional Budget Office: http://www.cbo.gov
Federal legislative information: http://thomas.loc.gov

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