This Week in Washington

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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.

Weekly Calendar

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012

Leveraging Research Investments

Subject: The House Science, Space, and Technology Committee holds a field hearing on "Innovation Corps: A Review of a New National Science Foundation (NSF) Program to Leverage Research Investments."

Witness(es): Thomas Peterson, Assistant Director, NSF’s Directorate for Engineering; Steve Blank, Lecturer, Stanford University and the University of California at Berkeley; Neil Kane, President, Illinois Partners Executive Services, LLC; Gabriel Popescu, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and Andrew Mazar, Director, Program for Developmental Therapeutics.

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., Northwestern University School of Law, Lincoln Hall, 375 East Chicago Avenue, Levy Mayer 104, Chicago, Ill.


National Science Board

Subject: The National Science Board of the National Science Foundation hosts meetings from July 16-18 to address science and engineering policy of interest to NSF.
Time and Location: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on July 18, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.
Contact: Dana Topousis at dtopousi@nsf.gov.

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012
Career and Technical Education
Subject: The National Academy Foundation holds a conference on a “blueprint for reforming career and technical education.”
Participant: Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m., Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: 202-401-1576.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012
AGEP Webinar - NSF
Subject: The National Institutes of Health holds a meeting of the Scientific Management Review Board focusing on the deliberations of the SMRB’s NIH Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer Program Working Group and its first stakeholder consultation.
Time and Location: 8:00 a.m., NIH, Building 31, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, Md.
Contact: Lyric Jorgenson, 301-496-6837, smrb@mail.nih.gov.

I-Corps Advisory Committee Meeting
Subject: The National Science Foundation’s Innovation-Corps Advisory Committee meets to advise to the National Science Foundation on the direction, development, and enhancement of the I-Corps program. The I-Corps program creates an opportunity for merging together technological, entrepreneurial, and business know-how to bring discoveries ripe for commercialization out of academic labs.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m., National Science Foundation, Stafford I, Room 1295, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.
Contact: Jessie A. DeAro, 703-292-5350, jdearo@nsf.gov.

FY 2013 LHHS Budget
Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education marks up the FY 2013 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education appropriations bill.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn House Office Building.
Contact: 202-224-7363; http://appropriations.senate.gov.

College Affordability
Subject: The House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training holds a hearing on “Keeping College Within Reach: Exploring State Efforts to Curb Costs.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn House Office Building.

National Science Foundation Meeting
Subject: The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Innovation Corps to review and discuss the current I-Corps projects and future directions.
Participants: Subra Suresh, Director, National Science Foundation, I-Corps Showcase.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m., 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va.
Contact: RSVP to Dedric Carter at 703-292-8002 or dacarter@nsf.gov.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2012
College Affordability
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building.
Contact: http://www.help senate.gov/.

Developing Threat Detection Technologies
Subject: The House Science, Space, and Technology Committee holds a hearing on “Keeping America Secure: The Science Supporting the Development of Threat Detection Technologies.”
Witness(es): Richard Cavanagh, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology's Office of Special Programs; Huban Gowadia, Acting Director, Homeland Security Department's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; Anthony Peurrung, Associate Laboratory Director, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, National Security Directorate; and Thomas Peterson, Assistant Director, National Science Foundation's Directorate for Engineering.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m., National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 125, Washington, D.C.

Nuclear Physics/Neuroscience/Technology/Agricultural Research
Subject: The Energy Department holds a meeting of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m., 2318 Rayburn House Office Building.
Contact: Deborah Stine, 202-456-6006, dstine@ostp.eop.gov [Note: Register to attend in-person and/or view a webcast of the meeting at: http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast].

Status of Higher Education
Subject: America's Future Foundation and the Pope Center for Higher Education Policy holds a discussion on "Bursting the College Bubble: The Status of Higher Education Today."
Participants: Jenna Robinson, Outreach Coordinator, Pope Center for Higher Education Policy; Andrew Gillen, Senior Researcher, American Council of Trustees and Alumni; Bill Glod, Program Officer of Philosophy, Institute for Humane Studies; Ron Henry, President, The Boy's Initiative; and Lindsey Burke, Education Fellow, The Heritage Foundation.
Time and Location: 6:30 p.m., Kaye Scholer LLP, 901 15th Street NW, Washington, D.C.
Contact: Roger Custer, 202-331-2261, roger@americasfuture.org; http://americasfuture.org/blog/2012/05/dc-roundtable-bursting-the-college-bubble.

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012
Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute
Subject: The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute holds its sixth annual future leaders conference with the theme "Global Competition and Innovation."
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m., CVC Auditorium, U.S. Capitol.
Contact: Leo Velasquez, 202-347-8280 ext. 304, lvelasquez@chli.org.

On The Floor This Week

Senate
S. 3369 – The Disclose Act

House
H.R. 5872 – Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012
H.R. 5856 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2013
Bills to Watch

FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS

House

FY2013 Budget Resolution (3/29/12 passed by House; 3/21/12 passed by House Budget Committee)

H.R. #    Sponsor: Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(4/26/12 passed by House Appropriations Committee; 4/19/12 passed by House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

Senate

S.2323  Sponsor: Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD)
FY2013 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(4/19/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 4/17/12 passed by Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee)

S.3295  Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
FY2013 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act
(6/14/12 passed by Senate Appropriations Committee; 6/12/12 passed by Senate LHHS Appropriations Subcommittee)

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

U.S. House of Representatives 2010 Schedule:

U.S. Senate 2010 Schedule:
http://www.democrats.senate.gov/calendar/2010-01.html or
http://www.gpoaccess.gov/calendars/senate/browse.html


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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