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AACN Supports Federal Student Loan Legislation



AACN recently supported two higher education bills that would expand access to federal student loans. The Federal Perkins Loan Program Extension Act ([H.R. 2482](#)), introduced on May 17, [would extend](#) the program for two years. H.R. 2482 was introduced by Reps. Elise Stefanik (R-NY), Mark Pocan (D-WI), John Duncan, Jr. (R-TN), Louise Slaughter (D-NY), Lleana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), and Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA). The POST GRAD Act ([H.R. 2526](#)), introduced by Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA) on May 18, [would reinstate](#) access to Federal Direct Subsidized Loans for graduate and professional students beginning on July 1, 2017. These bills align with principles related to [higher education](#) in AACN's 2017-2018 [Federal Policy Agenda](#), including accessibility and affordability.

NIH to Launch Beta Test of Precision Medicine Initiative



The Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI) is a longitudinal research study that aims to transform how the population advances health and treats disease. This initiative is part of the [All of Us](#) Research Program of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The goal of this program is to accelerate biomedical discoveries through advances in genomics and large data set analysis. The beta test is the first launch phase of the PMI where the study will recruit the first 10,000-15,000 participants through both healthcare provider organizations and direct volunteerism. This initial phase of the study includes the collection of basic samples such as blood and urine and measurements such as waist circumference and basal metabolic index. The study intends to progressively build a data set reaching a sample size of one million. In order to best reflect the broad diversity of the United States, the study plans to over-recruit individuals that are underrepresented in biomedical research. [Read more](#) on the NIH's webpage for the All of Us Research Program.

NINR Hosts the National Advisory Council on Nursing Research (NACNR)



On May 23-24, AACN attended the 92nd [meeting](#) of [NACNR](#), which was held at The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) in Bethesda, MD. NACNR serves as an advisory body to NINR whose members provide a second review of grant applications, assisting Institute Director Dr. Patricia Grady, PhD, RN, FAAN, in making funding decisions and reviewing extramural and intramural research activities. Below are NINR events and resources that are of interest to the nursing research community:

- The [Science of Caregiving Summit](#) is set to take place on August 7-8. The Keynote Speaker will be Judy Woodruff from the Public Broadcasting Station NewsHour.
- The 2017 NINR Director's Lectures, "[Nursing's Impact on Patient Outcomes](#)," by Dr. Linda Aiken and "[Evidence-based Interventions to Address Health Disparities in Cancer](#)," by Dr. Sandra Millon-Underwood are now available online.
- The NINR released an interactive timeline called "[Milestones in NINR History](#)."

AACN supports the work of NINR and the nursing science community. Learn more about AACN's efforts to promote nursing science by visiting the association's [Nursing Science Transforms](#) campaign.