



2017 NAS By the Numbers

Thanks to our donors in 2017, the National Academy of Sciences advanced discussion about evidence-based solutions to the greatest challenges of our time. We provided independent, objective advice to the nation, upholding the primacy of science on issues that affect humankind in the U.S. and around the world.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln considered it imperative to establish an independent entity to guide the United States government. It is private support that allows NAS to address complex and challenging scientific issues critical to our nation's future. Your generosity allows us to ask the right questions and commission studies that could be transformative for society. Here's a "by-the-numbers" look at the impact of your philanthropy.



\$4.8

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the NAS.

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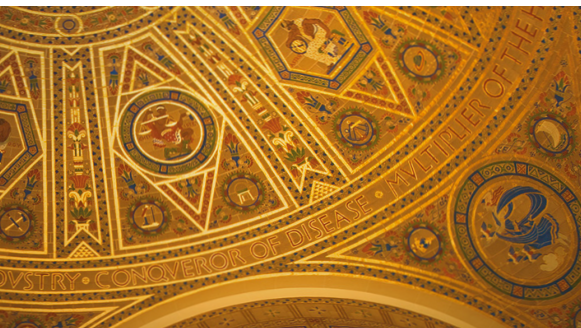
100%

giving
participation
from NAS
Council
Members.

NAS Annual Fund support reached

\$592,505

an increase of **26%** over 2016.



Established in 2015, the Ralph J. and Carol M. Cicerone Endowment for NAS missions received more than **\$630,000** in new cash and pledge commitments. So far, \$9.5 million in cash gifts and pledge commitments have been secured toward a \$10 million, three-year challenge grant from The Simons Foundation.

\$627,654

raised in unrestricted funds.

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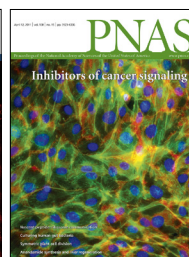
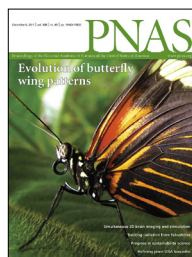
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"For decades, philanthropy has allowed the NAS to address the issues we consider too important to ignore, like the AIDS crisis in the 1980s and the burgeoning incarceration rates in the U.S. in recent years. The flexibility to address freely the most pressing problems of our time has never been more important."

— Marcia McNutt



159,230,673 articles were accessed on PNAS Online in 2017 (PNAS • Proceedings of the NAS)



The Science and Entertainment Exchange, a program that connects entertainment industry professionals with top scientists and engineers to bring more realistic and positive portrayals of their field to film and television, received **\$1 million** in funds in 2017. The Exchange was recently consulted for advice on the movie *Black Panther*."

Building upon the work of the Academy's Koshland Science Museum, LabX received **\$300,000** in 2017. The program will engage audiences through online platforms and face-to-face group activities. Check out the latest news at LabX.org.



The Simons Foundation provided a **\$150,000** challenge grant for the Maryam Mirzakhani Prize in Mathematics. Members and friends of the NAS contributed **\$81,450** toward the match, which extends through 2019.



The Sackler colloquium program received **\$190,000** in gifts from The Rita Allen Foundation and friends of the Academy. Viewers spent **417,126** minutes watching lectures on the Sackler Colloquia YouTube Channel.



5,808 young researchers have participated in Kavli Frontiers of Science symposia since the program began in 1989. Of those, **221** have been elected to NAS (10% of the membership) and **12** are Nobel Laureates.

Since its creation 42 years ago, the Committee on Human Rights (CHR) has come to the aid of **1,414** scientists, engineers, and health professionals under threat in **84** countries. During 2017, **24** professional colleagues have been acquitted or released from detention following appeals by the CHR.



The Science Behind It, a new NAS interactive, web-based public engagement program received **\$500,000** in 2017. The initiative will launch in early 2019 and provide brief, understandable, evidence-based answers to questions that curious people have on topics with science at their core.

In 2017, Cultural Programs of the NAS hosted **11** free public events for more than **2,500** people: staged theatrical readings of science-themed plays, the D.C. Art Science Evening Rendezvous salon series, a family day, and a film screening.



Viewers spent **1,038,944** minutes watching lectures on the Distinctive Voices YouTube Channel.

Thank you!