



Reasons every **Basic Science Pain Researcher** should join, support, and participate in APS

The American Pain Society (APS) is the only professional society that—through interdisciplinary research, education, treatment, and advocacy—accomplishes the following:

- 1. Supports and advocates for the funding of basic pain research**
 - Advocates to Congress for increased funding for pain research
 - Supports annual tracking of pain research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to bolster advocacy for improved NIH pain funding
- 2. Directly funds basic and translational research applications that lead to NIH R01 support**
 - Funds the APS Future Leaders in Pain Research Award
 - Administers the Rita Allen Foundation/APS Scholars in Pain Award
 - Administers the Sharon S. Keller Chronic Pain Research Program
- 3. Meets regularly with NIH Pain Consortium leadership**
 - Discusses concerns of APS members with directors of NIH institutes that fund pain research
 - Supports establishment of pain-only study section (Center for Scientific Review)
 - Supports proportionate representation of reviewers with pain expertise on all study sections reviewing pain grants.
- 4. Successfully advocated through the Pain Care Coalition for the passage of the Pain Care Bill of 2011**
 - Resulted in the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report on pain, containing strong recommendations for supporting basic pain research and formation of the Interagency Pain Research Committee
- 5. Provides resources to basic scientists to support their professional needs**
 - Maintains a Basic Science Shared Interest Group (SIG)
 - Holds a Basic Science SIG dinner at the Annual Scientific Meeting, featuring SIG research presentations
 - Regularly features a grant-funding workshop that provides participants the opportunity to discuss the grant process with experienced NIH personnel
 - Provides symposia and workshops on translational pain research that include basic science and clinical science
- 6. Provides opportunities and career support for trainees and young investigators**
 - Subsidizes student membership
 - Funds travel support for Young Investigators
 - Provides opportunities for trainees to attend and participate in APS committees
 - Facilitates networking opportunities at the Annual Scientific Meeting
 - Supports research funding for basic science research
 - Maintains an online career center
- 7. Supports *The Journal of Pain***
 - Publishes cutting-edge basic and translational pain research

**Only together
can we improve
the relief of pain.**

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