

## **NIH S-Index Challenge Innovation Event**

*Advancing Data Sharing Through Innovation, Collaboration, and Implementation*

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### **About the Event**

The NIH S-Index Challenge is a trans-NIH prize competition designed to catalyze innovative approaches for recognizing and incentivizing meaningful biomedical data sharing.

The NIH S-Index Innovation Event brings together researchers, funders, publishers, and scientific leaders to explore how recognizing and rewarding meaningful data sharing can strengthen reproducibility, accelerate discovery, and shape the future of biomedical research.

**Location:** Ruth L. Kirschstein Auditorium (Building 45)

National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD

**Date:** Tuesday, July 21, 2026 (*Open to the Public & NIH Videocast*)

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### **Program Agenda**

**9:00 – 9:15 AM**

**Arrival & Registration**

**9:15 – 9:20 AM**

**Housekeeping & Welcome**

*Ms. Amber Reed, National Eye Institute*

**9:20 – 9:35 AM**

**Opening Remarks**

*Dr. Michael F. Chiang, Director, National Eye Institute*

**9:35 – 9:40 AM**

**Introduction of NIH Director**

*Ms. Amber Reed*

**9:40 – 9:55 AM**

**Keynote Address**

*Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, Director, National Institutes of Health*

**9:55 – 10:15 AM**

**Fireside Chat: From Incentives to Impact**

*A Conversation on the Future of Biomedical Research*

**Speakers**

- Dr. Jay Bhattacharya
- Dr. Michael F. Chiang

**10:15 – 10:30 AM**

**NIH S-Index Challenge Winner Announcement & Awards**

**10:30 – 10:35 AM**

**Group Photo**

**10:35 – 10:45 AM**

**Break**

**10:45 – 11:30 AM**

**Winning Innovations**

*Presentations from the NIH S-Index Challenge Winning Teams*

**Panel Discussions**

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

## **Panel 1**

### **From Innovation to Implementation**

#### **Moderator**

Dr. Ishwar Chandramouliswaran, Office of Data Science Strategy, NIH

#### **Panelists**

- Dr. Tim Errington  
*Center for Open Science*
- Dr. Erwin Gianchandani  
*National Science Foundation*
- Dr. Dan Turner-Evans  
*Institute for Progress*
- Dr. Clare Stroud  
*National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine*

**12:30 – 1:30 PM**

#### **Lunch**

**1:30 – 2:30 PM**

## **Panel 2**

### **Scaling the S-Index Across the Biomedical Research Ecosystem**

#### **Moderator**

Dr. Heidi Sofia, National Human Genome Research Institute

#### **Panelists**

- Dr. Art Ellis  
*Elsevier*
- Mr. Chris Shillum  
*ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID)*
- Dr. Carly Robinson  
*SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition)*

**2:30 – 3:30 PM**

**Panel 3**

**Driving Community Adoption and Cultural Change**

**Moderator**

Dr. Lori Scott-Sheldon, National Institute of Mental Health

**Panelists**

- Dr. Maryam Zaringhalam  
*Center for Open Science*
- Ms. Heather Pierce  
*Association of American Medical Colleges*
- Mr. Toby Smith  
*Association of American Universities*
- Dr. Kacy Redd  
*Association of Public and Land-grant Universities*

**3:30 – 3:40 PM**

**Break**

**3:40 – 4:00 PM**

**Looking Ahead**

***The Future of the S-Index and Biomedical Data Sharing***

**Closing Remarks**

Dr. Michael F. Chiang