



Claim: National Institutes Health cuts threaten research

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WASHINGTON, May 28 2007. (UPI) -- A growing number of high-profile U.S. biomedical researchers are urging Congress and the White House to stop funding cuts for medical research.

Stanford University biochemist Roger D. Kornberg -- who won a Nobel Prize last year for work he began three decades ago -- told the Washington Post he doubted he would have been to do the work in the current research funding environment.

Kornberg won the Nobel Prize for determining how information in the DNA of a gene is copied to provide instructions for building and running a living cell.

"In the present climate especially, the funding decisions are ultraconservative," he told the newspaper. "If the work that you propose to do isn't virtually certain of success, then it won't be funded."

Kornberg and others in the field have been sounding the alarm in Washington on NIH funding decisions that they say are depriving important projects of cash, and diverting young scientists away from careers in research.

The researchers say the trend is undermining prospects for the kinds of breakthroughs that have led to new treatments for cancer, heart disease and diabetes -- and raised hopes for making progress against Alzheimer's disease and spinal cord injuries.

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