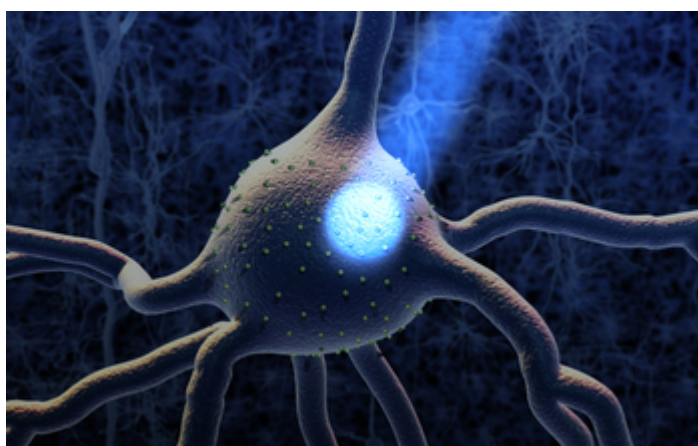


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Capitol Hill briefing on mysteries of the brain: Frontiers in neuroscience

Media are invited to a briefing on new, cutting-edge technologies and research that are advancing the frontiers of neuroscience



A neuron is activated by light.

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The most mysterious biological organ on Earth is lodged right between your ears: your brain.

Members of the news media are invited to join the National Science Foundation, the Society for Neuroscience and The Optical Society for a noontime lunch briefing on Thursday, July 9, as experts discuss how new technologies and multidisciplinary research, beyond the reach of scientists until very recently, are advancing our understanding of the brain.

This briefing will be held at the Rayburn House Office Building, Room B338 on Capitol Hill. Panelists will discuss some of the ways researchers are prying open the black box of the brain and will share some important recent discoveries. This briefing will be particularly timely in light of the two-year anniversary of the White House Brain Initiative, which is receiving about \$200 million in federal funding in fiscal year 2015.

What: A briefing about frontiers in neuroscience

Featuring: The Honorable Chaka Fattah
Ranking Member House Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and Science

Jim Olds
Assistant Director for Biological Sciences,
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Scott Thompson
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Where: Rayburn House Office Building, Room B338

When: Thursday, July 9, 2015, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

RSVP: Please contact Lily Whiteman at lwhitema@nsf.gov
(<mailto:lwhitema@nsf.gov>) for more information
and/or to reserve a spot.

Note: This event is open to members of the media. Reservations are required and must be received by 5 p.m. on July 8.

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Related Websites

NSF's special report: "Understanding the Brain": http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/brain
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