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**Legislative Update: July 15, 2012**
ASPET joined with many other organizations from the non-defense discretionary community in delivering a letter urging Congress to avoid sequestration (across-the-board budget cuts) by adopting a "balanced approach to deficit reduction that does not include further cuts to non-defense discretionary programs"...

**Coalition Letter Raises Sequestration Concerns to Congress and Obama Administration**
The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research submitted a letter to all Members of Congress, the White House, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the Office of Science and Technology Policy expressing concern over the impact on NIH that would result from sequestration mandated by the 2011 Budget Control Act. The letter notes that the NIH budget would be reduced by $2.8 billion in the first year alone and would result in NIH funding 2,300 fewer research grants in FY 2013.

**NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: ASPET Graduate & Postdoctoral Award for Integrative Research in Pharmacology**
The major goal of the ASPET Graduate & Postdoctoral Award for Integrative Research in Pharmacology (ASPET-IRP Award) is to provide support for graduate and postdoctoral trainees who are involved in active research projects that involve in vivo pharmacology or are focused on organ systems as an integral part of their research efforts. The ASPET-IRP Award will consider applications from research proposals submitted by graduate or postdoctoral students with demonstrated interest in in vivo pharmacology...

**ASPET Washington Fellows Program**
The mission of the ASPET Washington Fellows Program is to enable developing and early career scientists interested in science policy to learn about and become more engaged in public policy issues. Fellows will develop an understanding of how public policy decisions made in Washington help shape and impact science policy, such as funding for the National Institutes of Health and other science agencies...

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