

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE *of* SCIENCE *and* TECHNOLOGY POLICY

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) maximizes the benefits of science and technology to advance health, prosperity, security, environmental quality, and justice for all Americans.

BUILDING ON OSTP'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **ADVANCING DATA DISAGGREGATION AND COLLECTION EFFORTS:** OSTP was the co-chair of the Equitable Data Working Group (EDWG), a multi-disciplinary group composed of government leaders in program policy, statistics, social science, data science, and information technology and is tasked with identifying inadequacies in our existing federal data collection infrastructure and laying out a strategy for improving equitable data practices in the federal government.
- **SUPPORTING EQUITABLE RESEARCH POLICIES:** OSTP is codeveloping implementation guidance for National Security Presidential Memorandum-33, a government-wide policy memorandum, with the goal of providing clear and effective rules for ensuring research security, researcher responsibilities, and that policies do not fuel xenophobia or prejudice. OSTP is also supporting extensive outreach to community organizations, including AA and NHPI organizations, especially those whose members are scientists and engineers.
- **ADVANCING EQUITY FOR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES:** In November 2021, OSTP and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) jointly issued a memorandum recognizing Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge as an important contribution to the scientific, technical, social, and economic advancements of our nation. An interagency working group, co-chaired by OSTP and CEQ, is gathering input from Tribes and Native communities, including Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities, and preparing guidance.

PRIORITY PROGRAM GOALS FOR THE ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES

Per Executive Order 14031, OSTP has identified four high-priority goals that will span the next two years. These goals will advance equity, justice, and opportunity for AA and NHPI communities.

GOAL 1

Fund research to prevent and address bias and xenophobia against AA and NHPI communities:

OSTP will explore opportunities to invest in research to understand, address, and end bias, discrimination, and xenophobia. The OSTP-led National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) will re-charter the Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) Subcommittee of the Committee on Science, and one of its tasks will be to advance innovative studies to reveal new and more effective strategies for reducing the frequency and severity of discrimination experienced by historically underrepresented groups including AA and NHPI communities.

GOAL 2

Preserve research security while combatting xenophobia and bias against Asian Americans:

The OSTP-led NSTC Subcommittee on Research Security (SRS) will continue to hold regular engagement hours with members of the research community, especially Asian American scientists, as the federal government continues to implement research-security guidance and practices. OSTP and SRS will continue to prioritize engaging directly with Chinese American researchers who have been the most affected by research-security concerns and expressions of anti-Asian xenophobia and bias.

GOAL 3

Collect and share disaggregated data about underserved communities, including AA and NHPIs:

OSTP will support work complementary to the revision to OMB Directive 15: Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity. Improved standards are intended to help collect higher quality data and lead to better statistical analyses and overall understanding of our diverse America.

GOAL 4

Ensure Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander voices are reflected in the Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK) initiative:

OSTP will continue to work with and, at times, cosponsor with local institutions in-person roundtables to seek Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander input on the development of guidance on elevating ITEK into federal decision making.