

2019 CASE Talking Points

The goal of these meetings is to introduce yourself to the Member of Congress and his/her staff, discuss your research and its impact locally and nationally, and share with them your thoughts on the importance of federal support for R&D and education. Below are some suggested talking points.

1. ***Introduce Yourself***, your team and why you are here.
2. ***Thank Them*** for the FY 2019 final appropriations that provided increased funding for many federal agencies and avoided the proposed cuts by the administration.
3. ***Tell Your Story***
 - Tie your work and research into how it's important to the local state or district, or the impact on our health, economy, etc. – and connect that to why the federal government should continue its support.
 - Note that surveys show that voters across both parties support federal investments in science and engineering research. See [source](#).
4. ***Support Federal Funding for R&D in the 2020 Budget***
 - Federal funding for scientific research is a crucial investment in building a more competitive 21st Century workforce.
 - Federal R&D supports advanced training for students (like me) many of whom go on to drive innovations and enhance our economic competitiveness.
 - America's global leadership in science, technology and innovation is now threatened, as China and other countries are increasing their investments in research and building a STEM workforce.
5. ***R&D Supports U.S. Growth***
 - The U.S. innovation ecosystem – comprised of our world class universities, national labs, the federal government, private industry and STEM workforce – contributes to economic growth and job creation.
 - Present examples of the impact of NSF funded research in your state. Go to the [NSF State Funding Information Sheets](#) on CASE Workshop Resources.
 - Present examples of the impact of NIH funded research in your state. Go to the [NIH State Funding Information Sheets](#) on the CASE Workshop Resources.