NIH Director Takes Powerful Stance Against “Manels”

On Wednesday, June 12, 2019, NIH Director Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., took a powerful stance against “manels,” which are all-male speaking panels. Dr. Collins announced that he will no longer take part in speaking opportunities where there is not equitable gender representation among scientists on a panel. He also encouraged other biomedical scientific leaders to join him in his stance against manels and help even the playing field for underrepresented scientists. This statement reaffirms NIH’s commitment to create an inclusive and diverse workforce across the biomedical research community.