

Recognition of Excellence in Aging Research

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- **Established in 1961**
- **Serves as a focal point for discussion on opportunities and challenges facing older people**
- **Committee has a broad agenda on health care, retirement security and improving nursing home quality**
- **Current Chairman: Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI)**



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- The Committee solicited submissions of exemplary research from federal agencies that seek to advance the well-being of older Americans.
- 27 agencies submitted over 200 research projects available online:
http://aging.senate.gov/award/award_main.cfm
- All submissions will be included in a forthcoming Committee Report.

Many federal agencies conduct aging-related research

- **Traditional aging agencies (AoA, SSA, NIA)**
- **Federal agencies that do not focus exclusively on older adults (DOT, EPA, NASA)**
- **Federal agencies that do not traditionally conduct research (Smithsonian Institute, National Endowment for the Arts)**

A wide range of aging issues are addressed through research

- **Investments in basic science are leading to significant breakthroughs on diseases that affect older Americans.**
- **Significant investments have been made in improving health care and addressing social and economic issues.**

Cross-Cutting Themes

- **Interagency collaboration is strengthening research potential.**
- **Data collection efforts continue to provide valuable information about older Americans.**
- **Federal agencies are translating research into community-based service systems.**

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- **Federal agencies are building new infrastructure for aging research.**
- **Non-traditional agencies are conducting aging research.**
- **Aging research provides an important link to policy decision-making.**