BIO Broadening Participation Activities

Four broad categories include:

• Outreach at Society Meetings and Conferences



- Outreach presentations: "Bio NSF Day" at selected colleges and universities
- Grants to societies and institutions to implement BP activities
- Programs designed for minority student participation



Outreach at Society Meetings and Conferences

• SACNAS

"One-NSF booth" organized
 by DBI for entire Foundation
 Special session on "NSF
 Funding Opportunities"

• AISES

- Coordinated presence of NSF
- NSF Booth special materials

distributed on undergrad, grad and postdoc opportunities

- Session on NSF Funding Opportunities
- Booths at BIO-specific conferences: ex.
 Society for Neuroscience
 Organization of Biological Field Stations, etc.



"Bio NSF Day" at selected colleges and universities

- Coordinated with host school and participated by every BIO division
 - Georgia Southern University
 - Claremont Colleges
 - San Jose State University
- Funding opportunities presentations
- Grant writing workshops

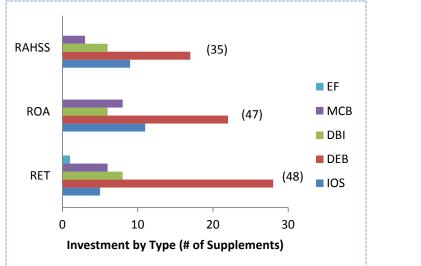
Grants to societies and institutions

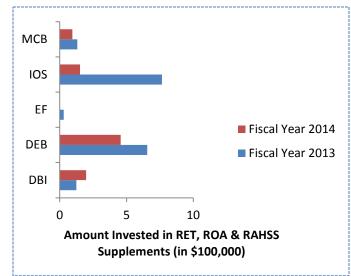
 AISES – started a 5-yr pilot program to increase the number of Native faculty at US colleges and universities (DBI-1444853)

 SACNAS – multi-discipline student support activities (DBI-1136444/IIA-1136444).
 Supported 450 undergrad, grad, postdocs at SACNAS Conferences in 2011-2013

Programs for underrepresented student participation

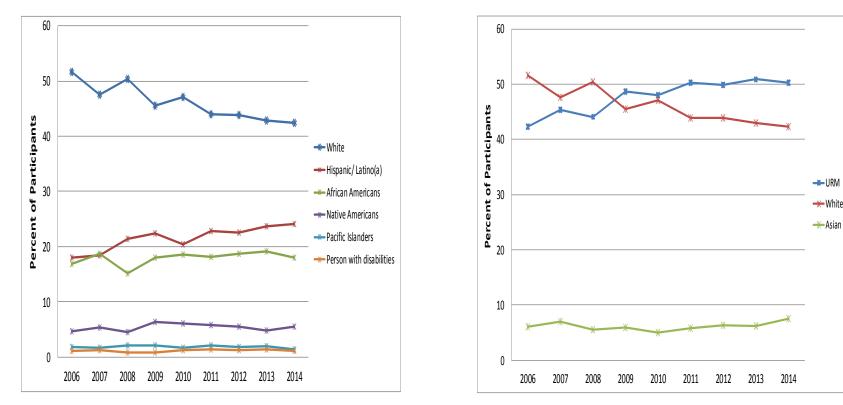
- Supplements that impact broadening participation of underrepresented groups:
 - Research Apprenticeship for High School Students (RAHSS)
 - Research Experience for Teachers (RET)
 - Research Opportunity Awards (ROA)





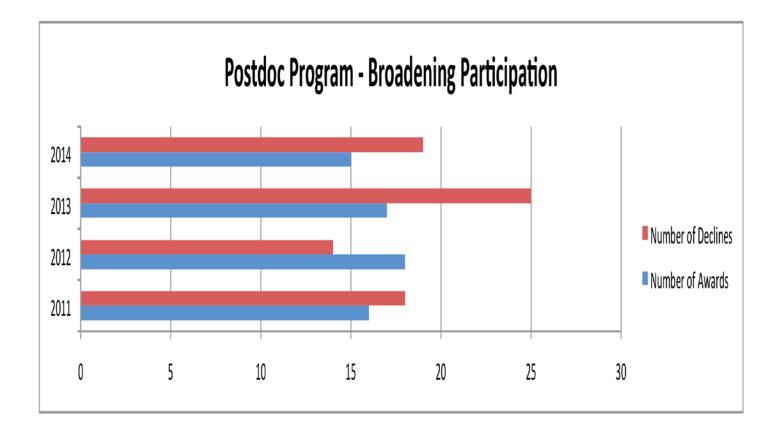
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 REU Sites – participation by ethnic/racial minorities have exceeded 50% for past 4 years. Summer 2014 data: Of 1240 participants, 223 African Amer; 300 Hispanic; 69 Native Amer; 18 Pacific Islanders; 13 persons with disability



Programs for underrepresented student participation

• **Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program (PRFB)** – one of four tracks dedicated for broadening participation



Questions for discussion

• What can we do to improve on what we are currently doing?

• What are we NOT doing that we should be doing?

 Should BIO bring back the Research Initiation Grant to Broaden Participation in Biosciences program (RIG)?