

**McKNIGHT BRAIN**  
RESEARCH FOUNDATION

*Preserving memory, enhancing life*

# ***CEO Report***

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Alice Luo Clayton, PhD**

***May 14, 2025***





# Announcement Response

## The McKnight Brain Research Foundation Announces Alice Luo Clayton, PhD, as Chief Executive Officer

Valerie Patmintra / April 28, 2025 / Brain Health, Cognitive Aging, News, Press Release



April 28, 2025

- **Press release** posted on MBRF website and emailed to ~375 contacts
- **Social media** posts: Excellent reach and engagement
  -  **Facebook**  
(MBRF boosted post)
    - 7550 Views
    - 4443 Reach
    - 754 Interactions
  -  **LinkedIn**  
(ALC account)
    - 2437 Views
    - 1218 Reach
    - 223 Interactions
- **Reach-outs** from NIH IC directors, fNIH, AFAR, Kavli, Simons, Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative, etc.
- **IIM Meeting** will be an excellent opportunity for engagement

# Impact of the Changing Research Landscape

**Since Jan 2025:** \$2.3B less research funding out the door

## NIH grant awards are lagging behind previous years

Cumulative amount of new grants awarded during the first 110 days of the year

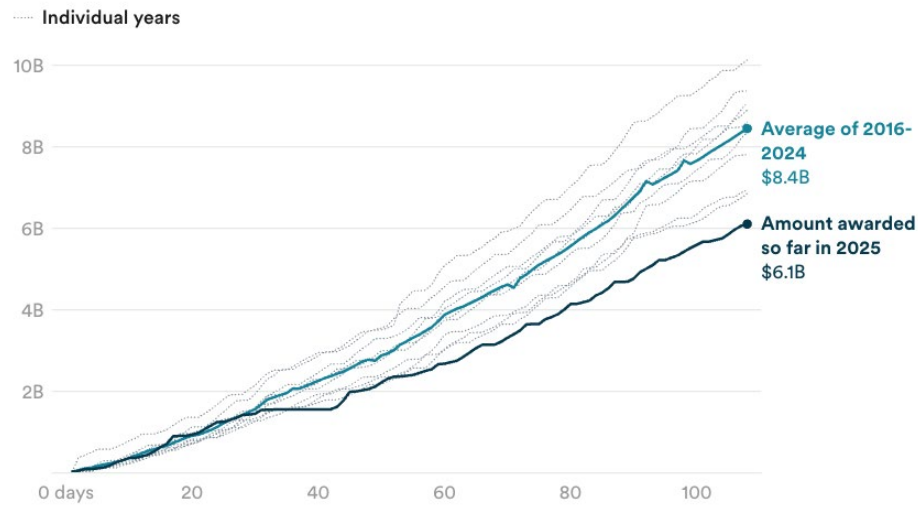


Chart: J. Emory Parker/STAT • Source: STAT Analysis of RePORTER data

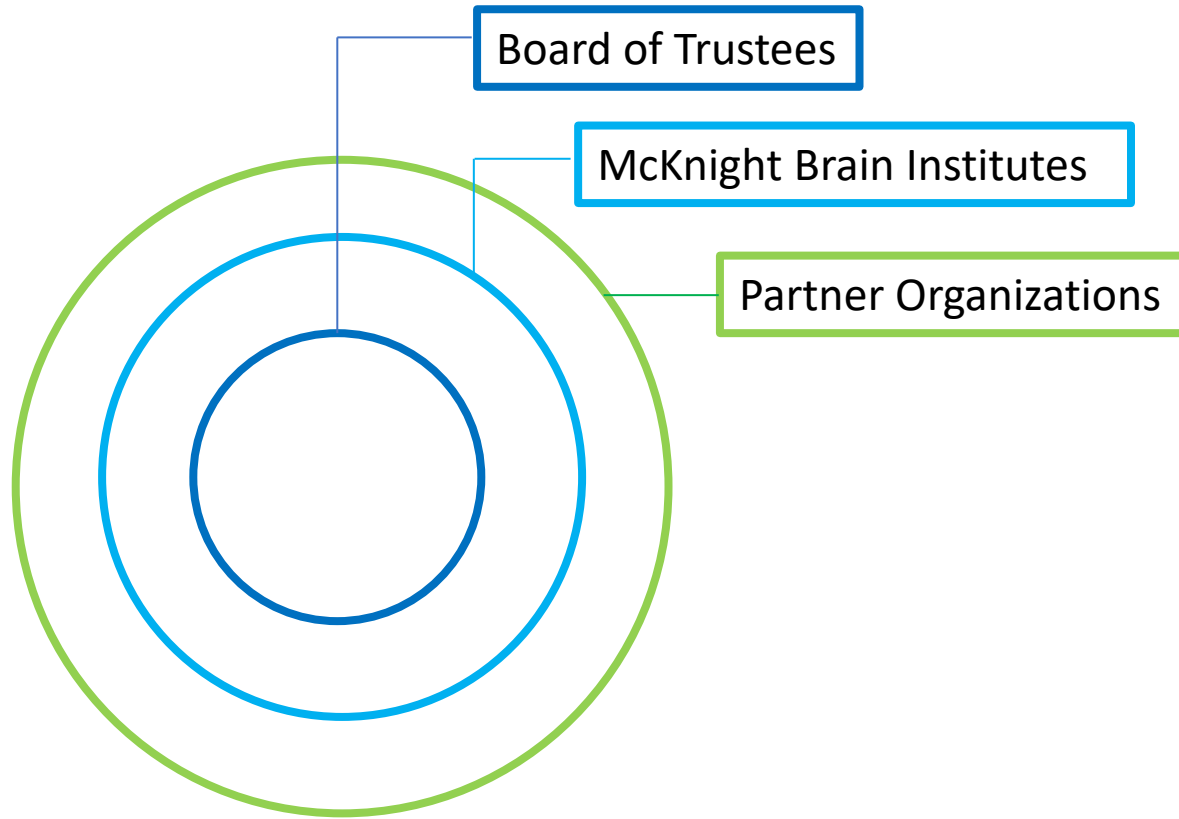
## MBRF Investments in the MBIs:

*Protecting the past, ensuring the future*

- The IIM is an excellent opportunity to hear about how federal changes are impacting MBRF's investments
- Of particular interest:
  1. Data and Resources (protecting the past)
  2. Workforce pipeline (ensuring the future)
- Use information to develop an informed and intentional strategy later



# Listening Tour: Core Orbit



## Board of Trustees

- 1:1 conversations with trustees

## McKnight Brain Institutes

- MBI Directors: 1:1 and Group Conversations
- Site visits

## Partner Organizations

- BRG
- FNIH/NIA
- AFAR
- Others...



# Listening Tour: Adjacent Areas

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## Examples:

### **FACTS: Funders Action Collaborative Tracks for Science**

Time-limited gathering of philanthropic organizations designed to enhance shared understanding of federal policy and funding shifts and their effects on scientific research, workforce, and research institutions.

- **50+ participating organizations**
- **Meet on a bi-weekly basis + ad hoc affinity subgroup meetings**



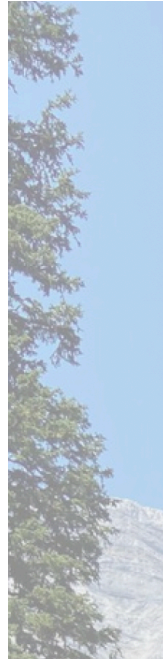
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**THE BRAIN ECONOMY:** Brain health is not just a medical issue; it's an economic imperative

- Invitation to participate in the Science Virtual Roundtable discussion in late May/early June.
- Invitation to participate in the in-person summit in Calgary on June 13, 2025.



## You Are Cordially Invited

### G7 Canada Brain Economy Summit

Join us for the **G7 Canada Brain Economy Summit**, a global initiative focused on how **brain capital**—our collective brain health and brain skills—can drive economic growth, resilience, and innovation.

Timed to coincide with **Canada's G7 Presidency and the G7 Leaders' Summit in June 2025**, the summit includes G7-aligned virtual roundtables and a public event in Calgary, bringing together senior leaders from government, business, research, and civil society to shape a shared vision for inclusive, brain-centered progress.

