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## **Cancer Engineering:** *NIH Support*

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# **Bioengineering at NIH**

### **NIBIB and BME Growth**

#### **2000:** *Creation of NIBIB*

Public Law 106–580 106th Congress

An Act

To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the National Institute of Dec. 29, 2000 Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering. [H.R. 1795] Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. National Institute of SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. **Biomedical** Imaging and

This Act may be cited as the "National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Establishment Act".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS. 42 USC 201 note.

#### The Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Basic research in imaging, bioengineering, computer science, informatics, and related fields is critical to improving health care but is fundamentally different from the research in molecular biology on which the current national research institutes at the National Institutes of Health ("NIH") are based. To ensure the development of new techniques and technologies for the 21st century, these disciplines therefore require an identity and research home at the NIH that is independent of the existing institute structure.

- 175+ accredited BME-related programs
- > 200 graduate programs



• Human Health top priority of Engineering

 Medicine-Engineering partnerships: Physicianeers

-BME Centers SOM/SOE -University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign -Texas A&M University

• Drive Innovation. Entrepreneurship

https://blog.collegevine.com/us-colleges-with-biomedical-engineering-major/

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Bioengineering

Establishment

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# **NIBIB Mission:** *Technology & Innovation*

**NIBIB:** No Disease Focus, Bio-hypothesis Not Needed, ~900 grants/yr





## **Bioengineering Impact at NIH**



NIH National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering

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#### **Bioengineering grants FY2020-2024**





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#### **Top 5 Funding Institutes**





### **Summary**

#### **NIBIB:** *Established by Engineering + Medicine partnership*

- Impact: Significant NIH-wide investment in bioengineering, tech development, devices
- Cancer Engineering #1 application focus across NIH; ~18% of NIBIB budget, ~9% NCI budget

#### Future: New Drivers of Engineering + Medicine partnerships

- Bioeconomy/Biomanufacturing, CHIPS Science, National AI Research Resource, Quantum Tech
- Opportunity: Dx led precision medicine → personalize therapies, empower individuals, improve patient outcomes
- Challenges: How to standardize, validate, & integrate new approaches (AI, devices, etc) into healthcare (EHR, CMS, etc.)

