Climate change poses a substantial threat to human health. Due to its impacts on mental health, the proliferation of diseases, and consequences of hazardous exposure, climate change is a global issue. According to the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), in the U.S., underserved and underrepresented communities will be at a higher risk of being impacted by climate change. To identify gaps in knowledge and develop priorities in this research area, NIH has issued a request for information from the external community.

NIH’s request for information seeks input on priority areas including:

- Innovative research that addresses climate change and human health
- Scientific infrastructure to address human health and climate change
- Research and community partnerships to address environmental injustice and foster resilience
- Rapid research response capacity to address human health and climate change
- Diverse workforce to address human health and climate change
- Translation and dissemination of research findings and health protective strategies
A more detailed explanation of each priority area and submission instructions can be found in the full RFI announcement.

Psychological scientists interested in contributing their views and expertise to NIH’s request should submit by the deadline of August 30, 2021.

The full announcement, “Request for Information (RFI): Climate Change and Health,” can be found here.

If you submitted a comment to NIH and want to let APS know what you said, please forward a copy to aps@psychologicalscience.org.