

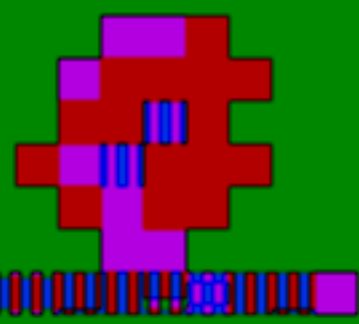
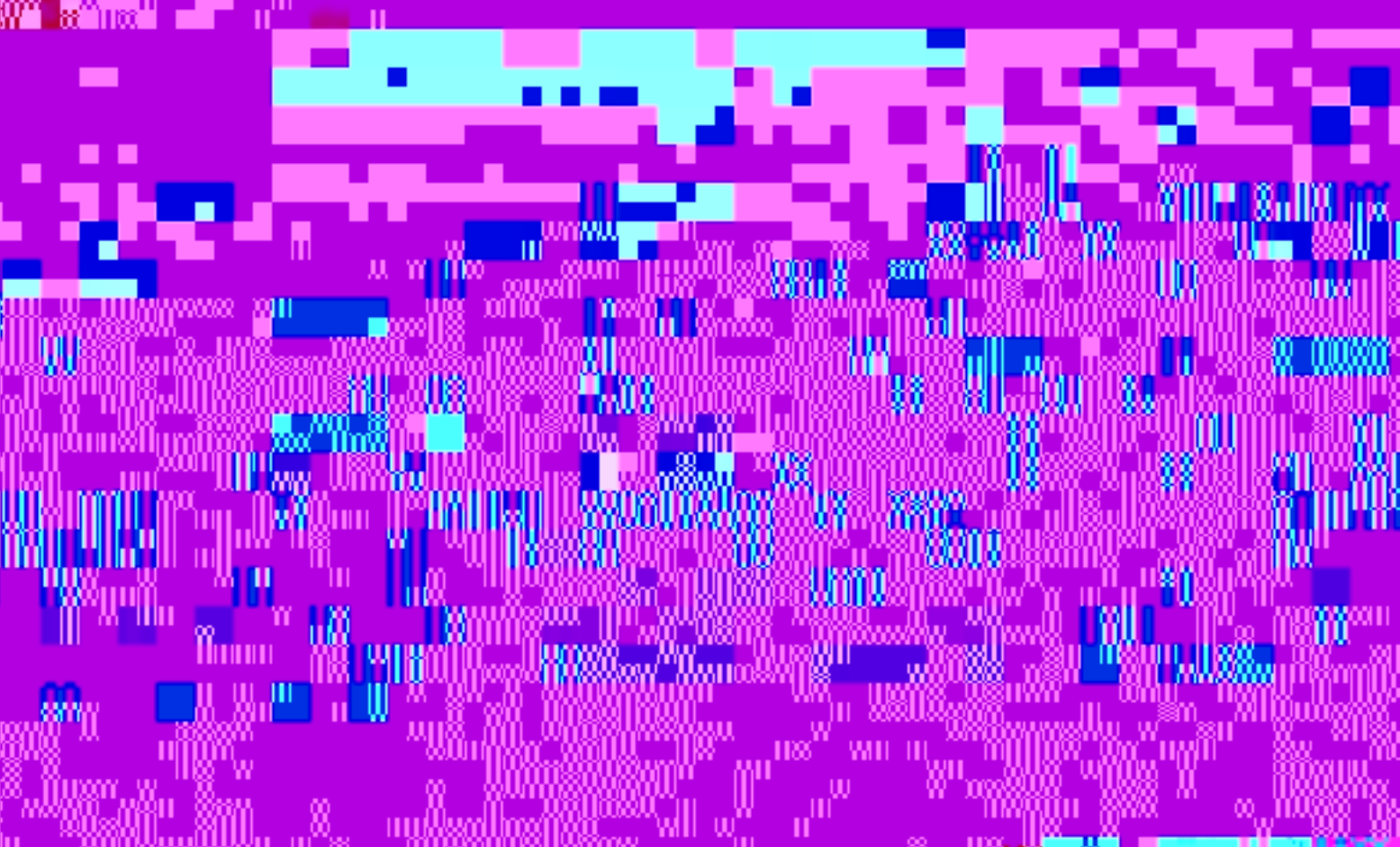
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The American Association of Immunologists Career Award Recipients for 2014

AAI Lifetime Achievement Award

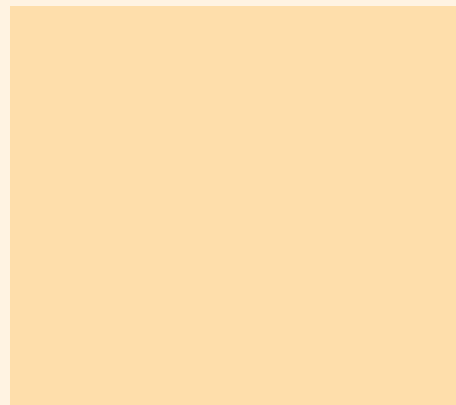


In recognition of a career of scientific achievement and contributions to AAI and fellow immunologists

Emil R. Unanue, M.D.
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AAI Distinguished Service Award

In recognition of distinguished scientific accomplishment and extraordinary service to AAI





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NIH Receives \$1 Billion Funding Increase

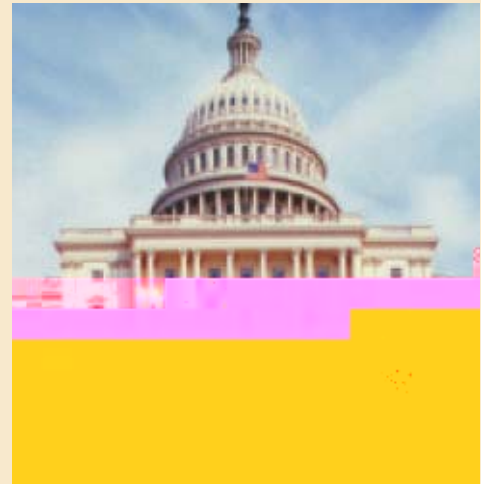
Congress Passes \$1.1 Trillion Spending Bill

In mid-January, Congress passed a \$1.1 trillion omnibus appropriations bill that provides funding for federal government departments, agencies, and programs through fiscal year (FY) 2014, which ends on September 30, 2014. The House acted first on January 15, overwhelmingly passing the bill (359-67), and the Senate followed suit, passing the bill (72-26) the following evening. President Obama signed the bill into law on January 17.

The new law provides funding increases for most science agencies in FY 2014. NIH received a \$1 billion (3 percent) funding boost, bringing the total NIH budget to ~\$29.9 billion. However, this still falls more than \$700 million short of the NIH funding level before sequestration (the automatic, across-the-board cuts which resulted from the Budget Control Act of 2011), which was \$30.7 billion. According to a summary issued by the Senate Appropriations Committee, the law will enable NIH to fund 385 additional research studies and trials in FY 2014.

Other key NIH provisions in the law or described in the accompanying Joint Explanatory Statement include the following:

- **Salary Cap:** The salary cap on grants will remain at Executive Level II. However, in compliance with an Executive Order issued by President Obama, all federal salaries increased by one percent in January 2014, increasing the Executive Level II cap from \$179,700 to \$181,500.
- **Administrative Burden Reduction Workgroup:** Although the National Science Board's Task Force on Administrative Burdens is taking



AAI to Celebrate 25th Anniversary of AAI Public Affairs with a Reception and Performance of Musical Political Satire

AAI will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the AAI Public Affairs Program at IMMUNOLOGY 2014' by hosting a performance by the musical political satire group, The Capitol Steps. The Steps group, which claims to have put the MOCK in Democracy, has been performing riotously funny and irreverent shows for 32 years. The players dig into the headlines of the day and create song parodies and skits conveying their special brand of satirical humor. For more information on the group, visit its Web site: www.capsteps.com/live/pr.html.

Since the group's launch, The Capitol Steps has recorded over 30 albums, including its latest, *Fiscal Shades of Gray*. The group has been featured on NBC, CBS, ABC, and PBS and can be heard four times a year on NPR stations nationwide during its *Politics Takes a Holiday* radio specials. The performance will be preceded by a reception for all event attendees honoring current and former members of the AAI Committee on Public Affairs (CPA) and all those who have participated in the AAI Public Policy Fellows Program.

This May 3, 7:00 to 9:00 PM event is open to all meeting attendees, but tickets are required. Tickets can be purchased through the IMMUNOLOGY 2014 registration page: www.immunology2014.org/Registration/attendee.html.

For more information, please contact AAI Science Policy and Legislative Affairs Specialist Jake Schumacher at jschumacher@aai.org. AAI Public is

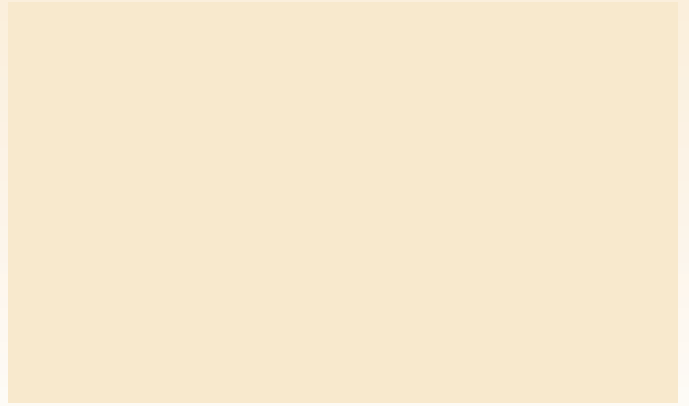
Chong, Sharpe, Schlesinger, and Wilson Named to NIAID Council

AAI congratulates the following members who have been appointed to serve on the NIAID Council in terms concluding October 31, 2017:

- Anita Chong, Ph.D., AAI •90

AAI LOOKS BACK

The committee proposed restructuring the editorial





A Protocol for Informational Interview Success

who is at or near a career level that you would assume is equivalent to what a Ph.D. might anticipate at an entry-level position.

- Matt Ishler, assistant director of career counseling at The Pennsylvania State University, recommends contacting relevant professional organizations or, better yet, attending their conferences to “find contacts. The AAI annual meeting, for instance, includes careers roundtables, offering attendees opportunities to engage in informal discussions about a broad range of academic and corporate research “fields. AAI also hosts career panels and receptions where trainees may explore career options and make key contacts.
- Ishler also recommends calling organizations of interest directly to ask for connections. •Often an initial call to an organization to say, •I am interested in a career in your “field and would like to learn more about the work within your institution,• will yield a lead to an informational interview. If calling a corporation, students may say something like, •I’ve read about your product development process, and I’m very interested in learning more about kinds of careers in that area. Is there someone at your organization with whom I might speak to learn more about this process?•Ž

Stage II: Practicum

1. Take the lead during the meeting.
 - Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows are far more accustomed to being interviewed, by potential mentors for a position in an academic lab, by professors about their projects, and by committees during exams, so it is important to remember that the interviewer and not the interviewee is in charge of leading the meeting.
2. Write out your introductory sentences that will introduce your objective for the interview and provide a brief background about yourself.
 - This provides context to the interviewee so that he can anticipate what you might be interested in discussing with him.
3. Keep the focus on the interviewee.
 - Remember that the interview objective is to learn about the experiences of the person being interviewed, not to relate your life story. The interviewee should be doing most of the talking. You may refer to the list of prepared questions but should also be willing to let the conversation take its natural course, asking follow-up questions as they arise, even if doing so means skipping some of the prepared questions.
4. Document the interview.
 - Take notes during the conversation to help you remember as much as possible about the organization and the qualities it looks for in a job applicant. If you conduct a number of interviews, taking notes will also help to distinguish the details of each interview. Should you wish to contact a former interview contact four months later, you wouldn't wish to refer mistakenly to an anecdote that Dr. Stein told you about Vaccine World when e-mailing Dr. Frizzled to ask about opportunities at Drosophila, Inc.
5. Be prepared for the tables to turn.
 - Conceivably, the person being interviewed will ask for more details about your background, so be prepared for the possibility that the conversation may turn into something of a job interview.
 - Ishler notes, "Don't be surprised if the person on the phone takes time to inquire about your projects, goals, and professional aspirations. Be prepared to give an overview of what you're involved in currently and what your plans are for the future. They may have a position about to open up in their organization and your informational interview can put you at the forefront of their minds."
6. Mind the clock.
 - Be careful to take up only as much of the interviewee's time as was originally requested. At a natural break point close to the time limit, note the amount of time that has elapsed and mention that the next question will be the "final question. Obviously, if the person being interviewed suggests continuing the interview, you might ask a few more questions. At the end of the conversation, be sure to thank the person being interviewed and, in a gesture of appreciation, ask if there is anything you can do to assist the interviewee.

Stage III: Follow-up

1. After the interview, send a thank-you note.
 - Ishler says, "Send a thank-you note telling the person how you value his perspective and note the types of insights you gained from the interview." Again, offer to provide any possible assistance. A few months after the interview, Ishler recommends sending a follow-up note to the person you interviewed to let them know how you value their perspective and how you are using their insights.

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GRANT AND AWARD DEADLINES

February 18,,Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation: Potential Mechanisms of Persistence of C-Peptide in Established Type 1 Diabetes

- Prize/Award: Strategic research agreement funding (supported by strong preliminary data) of up to \$500,000 per year for up to three years, or pilot and feasibility grant funding (aimed at generating preliminary data towards a hypothesis) of up to \$150,000 per year for one-two years
- Eligibility: Researchers proposing studies to characterize designated cohorts of Type 1 diabetes patients and compare them with controls to identify correlations demonstrated and/or hypothesized to date; applicants must have a doctoral degree and faculty position or equivalent at a college, university, medical school, or comparable institution
- Details: jdrf.org/grant-center/grant-opportunities-and-deadlines
- Contact: Amanda J. Rieder, Grant Coordinator: (212) 479-7575; arieder@jdrf.org

February 28,,Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars

- Prize/Award: Up to 20 scholar awards providing "rst-year stipends of \$69,500 (with an increase the second year) in support of physicians• research and engagement with communities, organizations, practitioners, and policy-makers leading the trans - formation of Americans• health and health care
- Eligibility: Physicians (MDs, DOs) who will have completed the clinical requirements of their residency training by the date of program entry (except for surgeons) and are committed to a career in academic medicine, public health, health policy, or related "eld pertinent to developing physician leaders and skilled researchers; applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its territories
- Details: www.rwjf.org/en/grants/calls-for-proposals/2013/rwjf-clinical-scholars-program.html
- Contact: Kristin Siebenaler, Deputy Director: (919) 843-1351; rwcsp_admin@med.unc.edu

March 1,,The AAAS Martin and Rose Wachtel Cancer Research Award

- Prize/Award: Cash award of \$25,000; publica-tion of awardee essay as a •PerspectiveŽ inScience Translational Medicine ; invitation to present public lecture
- Eligibility: Early-career investigators in receipt of their doctoral degree within the past 10 years who merit recognition for outstanding work in cancer research
- Details: www.aaas.org/pageaaas-martin-and-rose-wachtel-cancer-research-award
- Contact: wachtelprize@aaas.org

May 1,,2015 Thomas E. Starzl Prize in Surgery and Immunology

- Prize/Award: A crystal award, honorarium of \$10,000, and travel to the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine to receive the award and present the award lecture
- Eligibility: Outstanding national or international leaders in the "eld of organ transplantation who have made signi"cant contributions to transplantation and immunology research
- Details: www.stiresearch.health.pitt.edu/node/332
- Contact: (412) 383-8884; starzlprize@upmc.edu

Rolling deadline (applications accepted year round),„Autism Speaks Suzanne and Bob Wright Trailblazer Award Program

- Prize/Award: Up to \$100,000 to fund highly novel, 12-month research projects that hold considerable promise for opening new avenues to understanding the causes, diagnosis, subtyping, prevention, treatments, and cure of autism spectrum disorders
- Eligibility: Investigators holding full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty appointments, or full-time equivalent non-tenure track appointments, at accredited academic, medical, or research institutions
- Details: www.autismspeaks.org/docs/sciencedocs/grants/trailblazer_rfa_2014_1-16-14.pdf
- Contact: Joan New, Grants Manager: (609) 228-7313; jnew@autismspeaks.org



2015

February 11...15, 2015

2015 BMT Tandem Meeting
San Diego, California
www.cibmtr.org/Meetings/Tandem/index.html

March 28...April 1, 2015

Experimental Biology (EB)
(APS, ASPET, ASIP, ASN, AAA, ASBMB)

Boston, Massachusetts
Contact: eb@faseb.org

May 8...12, 2015

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AAI Annual Meeting
New Orleans, Louisiana
www.aai.org/Meetings/Future_Meeting.html

July 11...15, 2015

The American Society for Virology
34th Annual Scientific Meeting
The University of Western Ontario,
London Ontario, Canada
www.asv.org

September 6...9, 2015

ECI 205: 4th European Congress of
Immunology, Vienna, Austria
www.eci-vienna2015.org

October 9...13, 2015

ASBMR 37th Annual Meeting
Seattle, Washington
www.asbmr.org

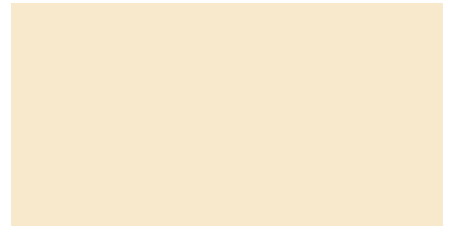
November 5-8, 2015

14th International Workshop
on Langerhans Cells
Kyoto, Japan

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February 18-22, 2016

2016 BMT Tandem Meeting



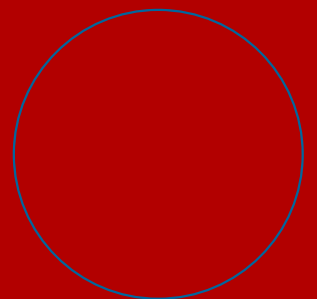


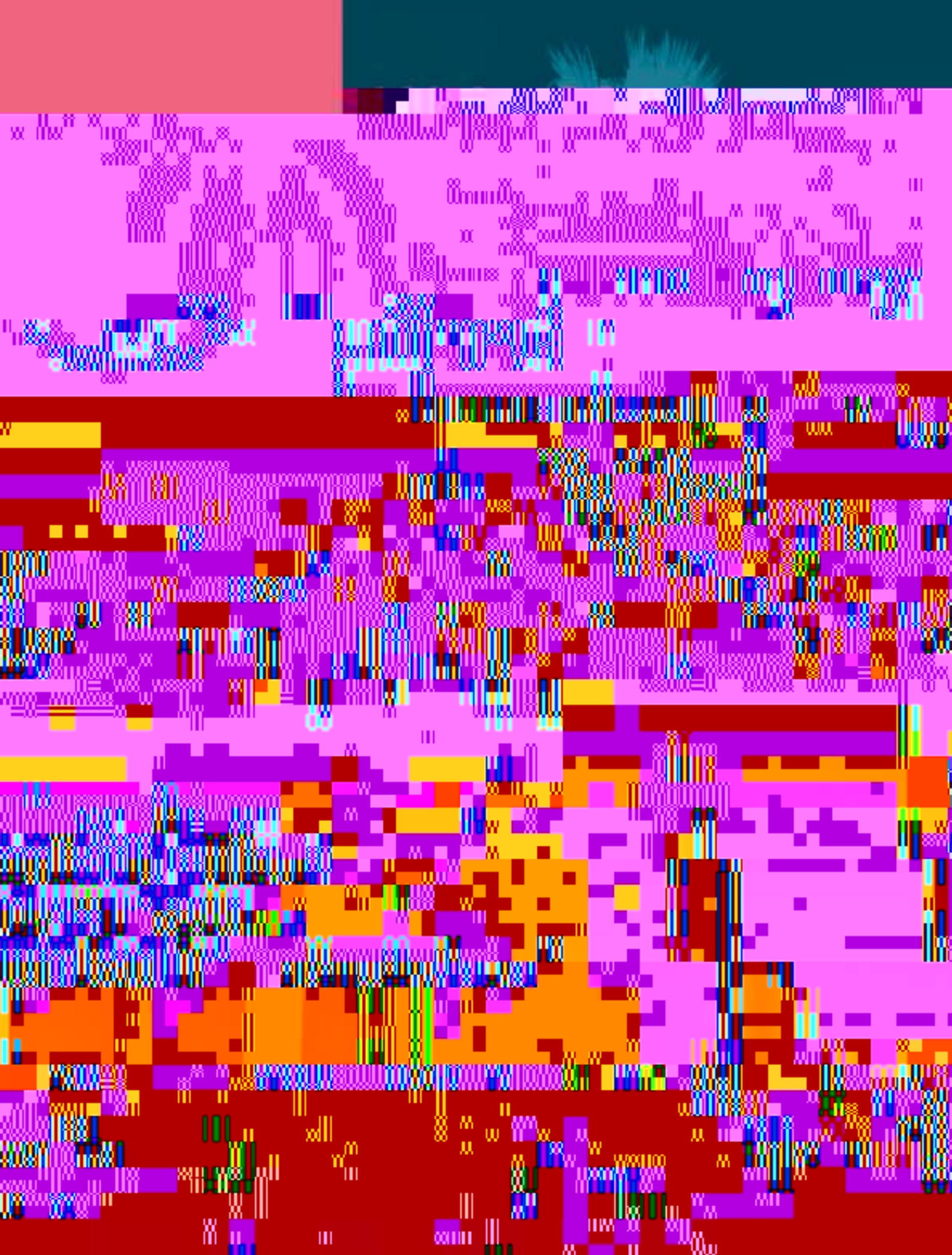
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