

## **Biography**

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Dr. Baruchin is Senior Advisor to the President at the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH). In this role she works with the President and Foundation staff to move the work of the FNIH forward. This includes interaction with NIH staff, FNIH Board of Directors and its committees, FNIH staff, and partners from industry, academia, philanthropy and foundations and associations about ongoing and developing projects and programs. Dr. Baruchin is also involved in FNIH planning and policy efforts and research and writing to present the work of the FNIH to a diverse set of audiences.

Before joining the FNIH, Dr. Baruchin was Chief of Staff in the Office of Research at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She also previously served as Associate Director of the Vanderbilt Brain Institute. Prior to working at Vanderbilt University, Dr. Baruchin was Chief of Science Policy at the National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, and she also served as Associate Director for Science Policy in the Office of Science Policy and Program Planning at the National Institute of Mental Health, NIH. She taught science at both the community college and college level, and worked as a research associate in enzymology, biochemical genetics, and cancer research laboratories.

Dr. Baruchin received her B.S. in biology and her M.S. in natural sciences from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and her Ph.D. in molecular neurobiology from the University of Pittsburgh. She has authored papers on both science and science policy.

## **Abstract**

### **Foundation for the National Institutes of Health Partnerships: Lessons Learned**

Since inception in 1996, FNIH has raised almost \$750 million for over 400 partnerships that support the mission of the NIH. In doing so, it has gained a reputation for integrity, skillful management of complex scientific partnerships and efficient use of resources. This is reflective of a small but expert staff with unique capabilities in scientific project leadership and management, resource mobilization and advocacy. Out of every dollar invested in FNIH, 94 cents goes to support innovative scientific initiatives – an exceptionally high contribution to programs that has earned FNIH the highest rating for the past seven years by Charity Navigator, the largest, independent charity watchdog in the U.S. Importantly, the partnerships managed by FNIH leverage taxpayer dollars with private sector investment resulting in effective and efficient collaborations and alliances that attract industry, academia, patient advocacy groups, venture philanthropy, other foundations and individuals. From this experience, there are lessons learned, and to be shared, about creating and managing successful biomedical partnerships.