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Dear CUNY,

Since President Trump's inauguration on January 20, 2025, several Executive Orders have been issued, signaling potential shifts in federal priorities. These changes may affect your proposal submissions, active projects, and funding from federal agencies and sponsors. We know that this news is unsettling, and we all are committed to ensuring that these policy changes have as minimal impact as possible on the CUNY Research Enterprise. At the present time the messaging we have been receiving from our federal funding partners is limited so like you we are working to make the best decisions with unfortunately incomplete data.

As federal agencies adjust to these new developments, both the CUNY Office of Research and RFCUNY will continue to provide updates, guidance, and relevant resources to help you navigate these changes. Please also check the CUNY Office of Research and RFCUNY websites for ongoing updates. If you receive any new information, please forward it to oaaresearch@cuny.edu and PresidentOffice@rfcuny.org.

Proposals CUNY campus Grants Offices will continue to submit proposals as long as federal agency submission systems are operational. However, sponsor review timelines may be extended while federal agencies adjust. Proposal deadlines could also be affected, so we recommend that researchers confirm deadlines with sponsors directly.

Awards The terms and conditions of your executed award remain in effect as long as your award is active. This includes your ability to invoice and receive reimbursement. If there are any changes to your award, the PI and Research Foundation should receive an amendment for review and execution.

Award Compliance Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) and other compliance requirements may be modified either directly by federal agencies or sponsors, or on a project-by-project basis. CUNY Office of Research, RFCUNY and campus Grants Offices will share any updated information as it becomes available. You may also receive instructions directly from your Program Officer. It is crucial to respond quickly to any new reporting requirements, as failure to comply could jeopardize your funding.

Program Changes If specific programs are terminated, restructured, or reduced, you may face challenges in accessing funds or meeting new eligibility criteria. Funding for certain programs may be rescinded, reduced, or redirected, which could cause delays or pauses in payments for existing grants. If this occurs, further guidance will be issued, and we will keep you informed.

PIs may also be contacted directly regarding the status of their federal award. Please forward any communication received from funders to your campus Grants Office, copying both oaaresearch@cuny.edu and PresidentOffice@rfcuny.org.

Thank you for your attention to these important updates. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please reach out to your campus Grants Office, CUNY Office of Research or RFCUNY.

Additional Sources of Information

[2025 Administration Transition Information & Resources | Council on Governmental Relations](#)

Notices

- Notice of intent to suspend enforcement of contractual DEI terms in existing agreements (issued Jan 23, 2025) - <https://sam.gov/opp/91ba3d8d8dc94076a16ae3deaf09c202/view>
- **DHHS**
 - [HHS Directive on Immediate Pause Issuing Documents and Public Communication.pdf](#)
- **Department of Justice (DOJ)**
 - NIJ FOAs cancelled: [Current Funding Opportunities | National Institute of Justice](#) (Jan 27 2025)
- **Department of Energy (DOE)**
 - DOE removes PIER Plans: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOEOS/bulletins/3ceff21>
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**
 - NASA DEIA removal: <https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/solicitations/roses-2024/amendment-109-removing-deia-requirements-from-roses-2024/>
- **National Science Foundation (NSF)**
 - Archived NSF Opportunity - Focus on Recruiting Emerging Climate and Adaptation Scientists and Transformers (FORECAST) - <https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/forecast-focus-recruiting-emerging-climate-adaptation-scientists/506211/nsf24-558> (Archived Jan 27, 2025)
- **OMB**
 - Jan 27, 2025 - The OMB Memo issued on the freeze of all Fed Funding. The temporary pause will become effective on January 28, 2025, at 5:00 PM: <https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/25506186/m-25-13-temporary-pause-to-review-agency-grant-loan-and-other-financial-assistance-programs.pdf>



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