

Federal Funding Updates

Town Hall

February 11th, 2025



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What are we doing?

<https://www.cogr.edu/2025-administration-transition-information-resources>



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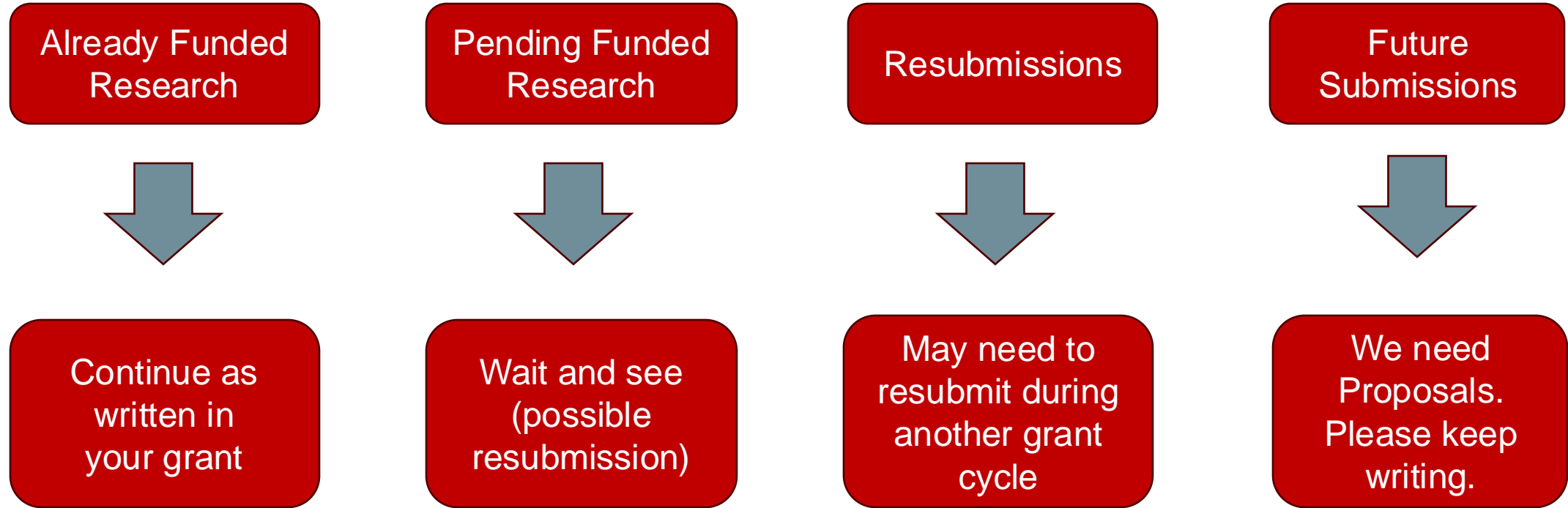
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AAMC Lawsuit Results in Nationwide Temporary Restraining Order on Proposed Drastic Cuts to NIH Funding

- **Washington, D.C., February 11, 2025**—AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) President and CEO David J. Skorton, MD, and Chief Scientific Officer Elena Fuentes-Afflick, MD, MPH, issued the following statement regarding a lawsuit led by the AAMC, with other organizations, challenging the legality of the administration’s stated plan to make major cuts to federally funded research:
 - “Last night a federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts granted the AAMC’s motion for a nationwide temporary restraining order, preventing a Feb. 7 notice from the NIH from going into effect. The AAMC, with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health, Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals, and Greater New York Hospital Association, argued that a Feb. 7, 2025, notice from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is unlawful and would result in irreparable harm. The notice, issued Friday evening with an effective date of Monday, sought to implement ‘a standard indirect rate of 15% across all NIH grants for indirect costs in lieu of a separately negotiated rate for indirect costs in every grant.’”

What should I do now?



Common Questions

- When will No Cost Extensions (NCEs) be posted again on the NIH website?
- Should I continue to hire graduate students? Yes.
- Can I travel?
- Can I still submit grants?
- Can I submit Awaiting Receipts of Applications (ARAs) for large grants?

Common Questions

- Will there be layoffs?
- Why did Utah not join the lawsuit with the 22 other states?
- Will there be a hiring freeze until this is clear?
- Why are foundations F&A rates used as model as a comparison?
- What are leaders doing?
- What is our legislature doing?
- What can we do? Should we go demonstrate?
 - New guideline on political advocacy:
<https://regulations.utah.edu/general/guidelines/g1-007c.php>

Closing Points

- Change is coming and **we are ready**.
 - F&A calculations are complicated, simplification is needed
 - Already revisiting our structure and efficiencies (AI applications)
- We are **quantifying the impact** that a 15% cap would have on UU
 - We are committed to funding our employees to keep the infrastructure going.
- Technology race: the **US is behind**
 - We need to make science faster and increase innovation impact
 - The last 25 years has revealed new models for R1 institutions

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- Moving from Threat to **Opportunity**
 - R1 institutions ideally positioned to address pressing topics, including national security, global competitiveness, and economic stability.
- Pre-Disclosures
- Market Analyses
- Visioning Groups

Where to find current information

- VPR Website: **real time accurate information** on impacts for research.
 - www.research.utah.edu
- University Federal transition guidance page:
 - <https://www.utah.edu/federal-transition/>

Upcoming Meetings

- Q&A sessions, next four weeks: Fridays at 12:00 (MST) via Zoom
 - <https://utah.zoom.us/j/99493212825>
- Council of Associate Deans of Research and Institute Leaders (CADRILs) on February 14th

Complete the simple intake survey for any remaining questions

