

Navigating Federal Funding Changes Under a New Administration

Guidance for Moving Ahead

Submitting Proposals

- Proposal submissions will continue as usually unless federal systems become unavailable.
- Sponsor proposal review timelines may be extended due to federal pauses in specific funding areas.
- Confirm deadlines, as they may shift.
- Verify that funding announcements have not been revised or postponed.
- Sign up for agency or sponsor alerts, if available.

Active Awards

- Terms and conditions of active awards are still enforceable as long as your award is active. This includes the ability to invoice and receive reimbursement. Work under executed awards should continue business as usual unless you receive a stop work order or termination from your sponsor.
- If you receive instructions, a stop work order, or termination notice from your Program Officer, immediately halt all project activities as instructed. Forward the notice to your unit research administrator and the office of research at ospcontracts@ucf.edu to ensure compliance.
- If specific programs are terminated or restructured, you may encounter difficulties accessing funds or meeting new criteria. Federal agencies managing these programs will typically issue guidance on how to proceed. We will communicate any relevant guidance as soon as it is available.
- Closely monitor obligated budget balances to avoid deficits while awaiting future obligations. Anticipated future funding is still subject to availability of funds and should not be considered guaranteed.
- For subawards, only expenses covered by currently obligated funds will be reimbursed. Future expenses depend on additional fund obligations. ***Note for Stop-Work Orders:** If a stop work order is issued, only costs up to the notice date are typically reimbursable.
- Advanced Accounts:
 - Setting up an advanced account for pending federal awards is generally not recommended. Requests with unit guarantees may be considered, but caution is advised.