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To: OSPPI list, DGA list, Associate Research Deans, and Deans and Directors

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As the federal government transitions to new leadership in the White House and Congress in January 2025, we are seeing changes in priorities and have received notices of communication pauses and policy changes at federal agencies that fund research and creative activities. Transitioning to a new Administration takes time, and it is not unusual to have pauses in agency communications during the transition period. New priorities may include updating or rescinding existing policies, writing new policies or laws, and possible changes in research to support these priorities.

The Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) is working with the internal teams, contracted consultants, university stakeholders, as well as higher education advocacy groups, peer institutions and academic experts, to understand and provide updates on this evolving situation. As changes occur, we will assess their expected impact on U of I and provide guidance and next steps as soon as possible.

We have created a [resource webpage](#) (**scroll down to 'Federal Funding Updates'**) to keep the UI sponsored project community apprised of current developments and agency communications during this period. **This website is meant to provide summative information and guidance - specific guidance from agencies will be shared directly with affected sponsored project personnel and we ask that you send information that you receive directly to osp@uidaho.edu.**

Until additional information is available or otherwise provided, faculty and staff should continue following existing proposal deadlines and instructions, active award terms and conditions, and instructions from the agency and OSP. The Executive Orders that affect sponsored funding are available on the linked webpage above, and agency specific directives require swift compliance to these Executive Orders which may require cessation of specific activities and associated costs, removal of potential objectives, modification of reporting or other outcomes criteria, and content removal or updates.

If you have specific questions about content in a sponsored project, please send a detailed email to osp@uidaho.edu seeking assistance. We will do our best to respond quickly, but please note due to volume, and the complexity surrounding these compliance changes, our responses may take time.

Many of these changes are fluid - ORED will continue to update the community via this website and specific targeted communications as updates are made available to us.