

Dear Researchers,

It is certainly an understatement to say that the past few weeks have come with a tremendous amount of uncertainty and change in the federal grant world. I want to take this time to remind you that the entire Office of Research and Offices of Sponsored Programs and Research Integrity (OOR/OSPRI) teams are here to support you. We are tracking every development and are in close communication with the CU system and campus leadership about the changing landscape.

We have received some questions about when you should contact us and what kinds of communications we need to know about. Here are some guidelines and clarifications:

- If you have any concerns about a current awarded grant or a grant proposal that you are working on, please do not hesitate to reach out to anyone on the team.
- If you receive any new directives from any federal agency regarding your specific award, please reach out to me directly (hfouts@uccs.edu) for guidance. For example, this includes any “stop orders,” which are the same as a “notice of termination” and would include your award number and the project title and would specifically ask you to cease activities.
- If you receive any new general guidance from a federal agency, such as newsletters to the PI community, please send those to me as well.
- When in doubt, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the team, and we will make sure the correct person receives the information.

The research you are doing is so important to our campus. Please continue your research endeavors, unless specifically directed to stop by a federal sponsor. I also encourage you to continue to submit funding proposals as opportunities remain available. The OOR/OSPRI teams are here and ready to support you as we navigate this new environment together.

To provide additional support and informal space to chat about your concerns, I will be offering weekly open ‘office hours’ via Teams starting next week on Wednesday, Feb. 19, noon-1pm. Please feel free to drop in virtually and bring your lunch as we touch base during the lunch hour. I will offer this weekly as long as there is interest and value. Here is a link to the weekly event: [Grant Chat](#).

I also encourage you to visit the [UCCS Federal Updates](#) webpage to view the most recent guidance from the campus and system.

Sincerely,
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