Housekeeping

Mic and Video Controls

Click the mic and camera icons to turn them on and off (mute until Q&A)

Submitting a Question

To submit a question, type it into the Chat window and press send.
Research Town Hall and Open Forum

- Status of Research Operations Under COVID-19
- Changes to Federal Policy Guidelines
- CARES Act Support and Future Funding Opportunities
- R&ED Programs and Initiatives Under COVID-19
- Q&A (submit questions in chat window)
Status of Research Operations

- All offices are fully operational
- Staff available via email, phone, Google chat, and video
- All committees and advisory groups continue to meet virtually

- Closely monitoring the status of awards and contracts
- Developing a campus-wide continuity plan for research administration
- On-campus research limited to “essential activities”
Changes in Federal Guidelines

• Flexibility with application deadlines

• Waiver of notice of funding opportunities

• Allowability of costs not normally chargeable to awards

• No-cost extensions on expiring awards

• Allowability of salaries and “administrative leave” for impacted workers

• Extension of financial reporting
CARES Act Support/Future Funding

• $2 Trillion stimulus package

• Relief, not salvation

• Breakdown
  • $500B in loans for cities, states, and businesses
  • $349B in loans to small businesses
  • $117B for hospitals and health care providers
  • $31B for an Education Stabilization Fund
CARES Act Support/Future Funding

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• Education Stabilization Appropriation ($30.75B)
  • $14.2B for Higher Ed institutions and students (not research)

• Research Funding
  • Increases in agency funding to target coronavirus (biotech and health)
  • NSF ($75M), NIH ($945M), DoE ($99M), NIST ($60M)
What’s Next? Phase IV Stimulus?
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- 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Like Appropriation?
- Increases in agency budgets ($ directly to existing programs)
  - Increased funding rates
  - Supplements to existing grants
- “Shovel-Ready” infrastructure to enable R&D
  - Facilities, instrumentation, lab modernization, computing, databases
- Grants targeting small businesses (SBIR/STTR)
- STEM workforce development/training grants
R&ED Initiatives and Support

- Curated list of ongoing research targeting COVID-19
- FAQs for research operations and policy changes
- Updated website containing list of coronavirus-related funding opportunities
- Special Ignite Planning Grants ($5K-$10K/3 months)
- Expansion of the summer Catalyst Program (online)
- SBTDC and Ventureprise assistance for small businesses/startups
- Survey of research impacts