The Impact of COVID-19 on University Research Environment and Management
- Challenges
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- M-20-11 Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- M-20-17 Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations
National Science Foundation (NSF) Response

- NSF Community Guidance
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- Implementation of OMB Memo M-20-17, Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations
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• NSF Community Guidance
• FAQs About the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for Proposers and Awardees
• FAQs About the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for NSF Panelists
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• RAPID Response Research on Coronavirus (COVID-19)
  • Dear Colleague Letter on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 and associated FAQs
  • Dear Colleague Letter: Provisioning Advanced Cyberinfrastructure to Further Research on the Coronavirus Disease 2019
  • Dear Colleague Letter: Request for SBIR-STTR Phase I Proposals Addressing COVID-19
National Science Foundation (NSF) Response

- Internal NSF Response
  - In-person panels moved to virtual platforms
  - NSF-sponsored conferences are encouraged to move online or rescheduled to a later date
  - Staff are now teleworking to the greatest extent possible
  - All non-essential staff travel canceled
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- Challenges We’re All Facing
  - Staff working remotely apart from easy access to colleagues, files, labs.
  - IT system access can be strained and not everyone working with the same level of IT access.
  - Policies are not necessarily in place at organizations and at the Federal level to deal with every situation.
  - Flexibility within a policy framework is key!
Questions?