Announcement: The National Institutes of Health has released a brief update regarding the current status of extramural operations. The NIH continues to be shut down for all non-excepted activities. This means that the vast majority of NIH staff that oversee program, review, and grants management are furloughed, NIH grants and contract submissions are not being processed, reviews are not occurring, and no awards are being made. As described in NOT-OD-13-126, the Payment Management Systems remains operational and funds for most grants awarded before the shutdown can continue to be drawn down.

As the shutdown drags on, the challenge of reestablishing normal operations is growing. Once the shutdown is over, NIH will need time to set new dates for grant and contract submissions, review meetings, conferences, and other activities that were scheduled to happen during and immediately following the period of the shutdown. After operations have been restored, it will take a few days to communicate plans to the research community.

You can find the current guidance posted at grants.nih.gov. Once reopened, additional information will be posted and published in the NIH Guide as quickly as it can be made available.

Please continue to read our DCG NewsFlashes regarding the federal government shutdown, and forward to any faculty or staff that are not subscribers. We will continue to distribute information as it is received. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask your DCG Administrator at the Department of Contracts and Grants.