

NewsFlash!

Announcement: At this time, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has not received a FY 2017 appropriation and is operating under a Continuing Resolution "the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017" ([Public Law 114-254](#)) that applies the terms and conditions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, restricts the amount of direct salary to Executive Level II of the Federal Executive pay scale. The Executive Level II salary was *previously* set at \$185,100, and increased to **\$187,000** effective January 8, 2017.

For awards issued in those years that were restricted to Executive Level II (see [Salary Cap Summary, FY 1990 – FY 2016](#)), including competing awards already issued in FY 2017, if adequate funds are available in active awards, and if the salary cap increase is consistent with the institutional base salary, grantees may rebudget to accommodate the current Executive Level II salary level. However, no additional funds will be provided to these grant awards.

Once the Department of Health and Human Services Appropriation for FY 2017 is enacted, NIH will publish the annual Notice of legislative mandates to provide information on any statutory provisions that limit the use of NIH grant funds in FY 2017. Additional guidance on the salary cap will also be provided at that time.

NIH Operates Under a Continuing Resolution

The Continuing Resolution (CR) continues government operations through **April 28, 2017** at 99.8099 percent of the FY 2016 enacted level.

Continuing the procedures identified under [NOT-OD-17-001](#) and [NOT-OD-16-046](#), the NIH will issue non-competing research grant awards at a level below that indicated on the most recent Notice of Award (generally up to 90% of the previously committed level). Upward adjustments to awarded levels will be considered after FY 2017 appropriations are enacted, but NIH expects institutions to monitor their expenditures carefully during this period. All legislative mandates that were in effect in FY 2016 remain in effect under this CR.

For The Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award postdoctoral stipend levels and tuition/fees for FY 2017, click [here](#). Until further notice, the undergraduate and predoctoral stipends and tuition/fees will remain at the levels announced [previously](#).

If you have any pre/post-award concerns regarding the above, please feel free to reach out to your [DCG Officer](#) in the Department of Contracts and Grants.