

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is working full time and has continued operation as usual during this time. If you are currently working on a proposal submission, please continue to reach out to [Ashley Jones](#) and/or [Donna Gilmore](#) to prepare your proposal documents. If you have a new solicitation that you want to pursue, please reach out to Ashley or Donna. Our support to FGCU faculty and staff will continue as normally as possible. Any new awards that are received in the coming weeks will be handled as quickly as possible to obtain signatures and set up new accounts.

The remaining portion of this email is with regard to **currently funded externally sponsored research projects**. The recommendation for PI's to follow with the COVID-19 concerns, from most **federal funding agencies** is: If you think that your research will be delayed due to the current situation, reach out to the program officer to request an extension. This includes progress reports that may be due. However, this recommendation stands for **any funding** from private, state, or local (city, county) entities as well. It is recommended that the PI prepare a brief justification to explain the delay and include it in your request as well as the next progress report. The justification should outline the alternative work and your plan for accomplishing the original deliverables. Please copy [Donna Gilmore](#) in any emails to program officers requesting an extension so she can keep the team at ORGS informed.

The following information is directly from federal agencies. The links have been provided because this information is ever evolving.

NSF has developed a new website for the research community with [detailed guidance on the Coronavirus](#) (COVID-19). This includes guidance for awardee organizations, researchers and reviewers of NSF proposals. Please note that this website will be updated as new developments arise.

The National Science Foundation has issued [Important Notice No 146](#) to the Community Regarding COVID-19. NSF has also issued additional [guidance on NSF's implementation](#) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum ([M-20-17](#)), entitled, *Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations*. NSF has implemented flexibilities authorized by OMB from specific administrative, financial management and audit requirements contained in 2 CFR Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* without compromising accountability requirements.

The Council on Governmental Relations has established a website with Institutional and Agency Responses to COVID-19 and Additional Resources. Please see this [COGR Website](#) for information with regard to federally funded sponsored research for NIH, NSF and NASA.

I have also provided these links to those agencies that are not yet listed on the COGR website.

[NIH Response to COVID-19](#)

[HRSA Response to COVID-19](#)

[US Department of Education Response to COVID-19](#)

The Department of Commerce provides a link to the [CDC Website](#).

[US Department of State Travel Updates](#) – (FGCU has issued its own ban and re-evaluation on travel. This link is for informational purposes only.)

Please contact Donna if you have any questions. Her office extension is 239-590-7582 and her cell phone is 412-418-6596.