



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 28, 2025

TO: Faculty & Staff

FROM: Joe Heppert, Vice President for Research & Innovation

RE: Interim Guidance Regarding Federal Agency Actions and Orders

This is to provide interim guidance regarding recent federal agency actions and orders. With limited exceptions (see below), we encourage PIs with federal grants and awards to continue normal expenditures, including personnel appointments, during this transitional period.

Should our office receive any agency direction regarding a specific grant or contract, we will contact the PIs on the project.

Exceptions to this guidance include components of projects (particularly diversity, equity and inclusion programming) covered in the recent Executive Order (M-25-13), and any grants and contracts where Research & Innovation has received a comprehensive stop work order from the sponsoring federal funding agency. Please direct any questions about these exceptions to [Amy Cook](#), associate vice president for research.

Texas Tech investigators will also need input on several categories of research activity and expenditures during the coming weeks. If you have any travel funded by your federal grant or award during the next 60 days, please consult with Amy Cook.

If you have plans to begin a new clinical study (including human studies, animal studies), or plant field work during the next 60 days supported by a federal grant or award, please reach out and consult with [Alice Young](#), associate vice president for research and [CassiDe Street](#).

This federal process represents a temporary pause, and we encourage you to continue your research activity, including submitting proposals to existing federal programs. As Texas Tech evolves its internal approach to this federal transition, we will reach out with further information. Research & Innovation will monitor changes in federal program announcements and guidance and will communicate any changes to the Texas Tech community.

Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any additional questions.



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