

Frequently Asked Questions

These questions have been assembled and will continue to be updated based on common questions received by the Division of University Research (DUR) and have been informed by ongoing guidance and requirements from federal sponsors.

Has my award been subject to changes due to recent Executive Orders?

We remain committed to fulfilling research, scholarship, and contractual obligations for federal awards as required by your grant or federal contract.

Please consult the University's [Federal Research Funding Updates](#) page.

If you receive formal correspondence from a federal agency, please forward it to the Office of Research Development at ORD@rowan.edu. The Division of University Research will provide guidance if necessary.

Should I continue to submit federal grant applications?

Yes. The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) will continue to support proposals and applications. Please continue to communicate with OSP about your grant submission and adhere to internal deadlines.

What should I do if I have questions about potential changes to my federally funded award or federally funded programs?

Please monitor the University's [Federal Research Funding Updates](#) page. If you have additional questions, first contact the Office of Research Development at ORD@rowan.edu.

Please do not contact federal program officers unless directed by the Division of University Research.

Please share official correspondence from federal agencies with ORD@rowan.edu.

Are changes to federally funded programs and opportunities expected?

Administrations often make changes to federal agency (e.g. DOD, NIH, NSF, DOJ, DOE etc.) priorities and the priorities of external research programs. We encourage you to continue to monitor the University's [Federal Research Funding Updates](#) page and contact the Office of Research Development at ORD@rowan.edu with questions.

If you become aware of specific changes, or receive formal communications from federal agencies, please forward to ORD@rowan.edu.

What should I do if I receive a Stop Work Order?

A Stop Work Order is an official notice directing a federally funded entity to pause work on a program. Federal agreements often include clauses permitting work stoppages under certain conditions. Orders may be temporary or permanent.

If you receive a Stop Work Order share it with ORD@rowan.edu. Do not take action until further guidance from the Division of University Research is provided. We advise you to share such communications with your department chair/head, dean, and other collaborators.

If you are collaborating with an external entity that has paused work on a federal award (e.g., Rowan is a sub-awardee), please contact ORD@rowan.edu.

Am I still able to request a no cost extension on federal awards?

Rowan will continue to fulfill our research, scholarship, and contractual obligations. Consult your Office of Sponsored Programs team for support. Please note that the procedure, timing, or permissions for no-cost extensions for various grants may be subject to changes.

If you receive notice of such changes, communicate that to ORD@rowan.edu.

NIH has indicated that all requests for NCEs must be submitted as a [prior approval request](#) in eRA Commons for NIH review and approval. Requests for activities that do not align with the NIH mission and agency priorities will not be approved.

Have federal indirect rates changed?

Rowan is closely monitoring new developments on this topic. The Office of Sponsored Programs will coordinate with PI's regarding indirect rates.

If you have questions about a particular submission, communicate with your Pre-award specialist.

Is Rowan able to draw-down federal funds to support sponsored award expenditures?

At this time, there are no restrictions in place preventing Rowan from drawing down federal funds. Please continue to monitor the University's [Federal Research Funding Updates](#) page.