

The New York Institute of Technology Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPAR) is closely monitoring developments in Washington, D.C., regarding the possible federal government shutdown and its potential impact on research activity. The U.S. Government is currently operating under a Continuing Resolution, which extends the deadline for passage of spending bills through December 20, 2024.

In the event of a federal government shutdown, researchers with active federally sponsored grants and contracts will generally be instructed to continue work unless the project requires significant involvement of federal employees. Investigators may receive instructions from their contracting or program officers; if you receive such information, please notify OSPAR at grants@nyit.edu immediately. Federal personnel will not be available.

No sponsor-specific guidance on how a potential federal government shutdown may impact submission of new or competing proposal submissions has yet been provided. We anticipate that some agencies will not be available to process proposals and that others will retain submitted proposals for processing when normal operations resume. If you are preparing an application or progress report for an upcoming submission deadline, please continue to prepare those documents for an on-time submission; however, we encourage you to monitor further updates for specific guidance and the potential for those deadlines to be extended.

In the event of a federal shutdown:

- Anticipate potential inconveniences, reduced communication, and limited assistance from affected federal agencies. The majority of agency staff may not respond to inquiries, including those related to impending deadlines, proposal preparation, and application status.
- Approval, support, and administrative assistance from agency personnel may be unavailable.
- New awards, continued funding, and contracts will not be issued or signed until the impacted federal agencies resume normal operations.
- Most automated systems will remain online and should be able to receive submissions normally.