

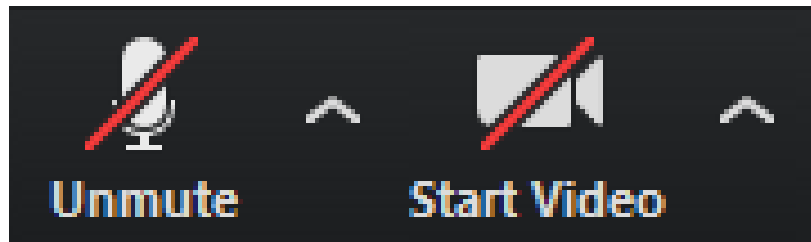
An aerial photograph of a university campus. In the foreground, there are several large, multi-story brick buildings with grey roofs. A central courtyard with trees and a brick walkway is visible. In the background, more campus buildings are nestled among dense green trees on a hillside. A semi-transparent green banner is overlaid across the top half of the image.

Research Town Hall and Open Forum

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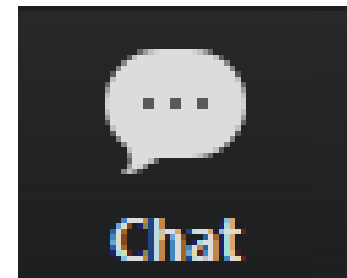
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Mic and Video Controls



Click the mic and camera icons to turn them on and off (mute until Q&A)

Submitting a Question



To submit a question, type it into the Chat window and press send.

Research Town Hall and Open Forum



Status of Research
Operations Under COVID-19



CARES Act Support and
Future Funding Opportunities



Changes to Federal Policy
Guidelines



R&ED Programs and
Initiatives Under COVID-19



Q&A (submit questions
in chat window)



Status of Research Operations

- All offices are fully operational
- Staff available via email, phone, Google chat, and video
- All committees and advisory groups continue to meet virtually
- Closely monitoring the status of awards and contracts
- Developing a campus-wide continuity plan for research administration
- On-campus research limited to “essential activities”



Changes in Federal Guidelines

- Flexibility with application deadlines
- Waiver of notice of funding opportunities
- Allowability of costs not normally chargeable to awards
- No-cost extensions on expiring awards
- Allowability of salaries and “administrative leave” for impacted workers
- Extension of financial reporting



CARES Act Support/Future Funding

- \$2 Trillion stimulus package
- Relief, not salvation
- Breakdown
 - \$500B in loans for cities, states, and businesses
 - \$349B in loans to small businesses
 - \$117B for hospitals and health care providers
 - \$31B for an **Education Stabilization Fund**



CARES Act Support/Future Funding

- \$2 Trillion stimulus package
- Relief, not salvation
- Education Stabilization Appropriation (\$30.75B)
 - \$14.2B for Higher Ed institutions and students (not research)
- Research Funding
 - Increases in agency funding to target coronavirus (biotech and health)
 - NSF (\$75M), NIH (\$945M), DoE (\$99M), NIST (\$60M)



What's Next? Phase IV Stimulus?





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- 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Like Appropriation?
- Increases in agency budgets (\$ directly to existing programs)
 - Increased funding rates
 - Supplements to existing grants
- “Shovel-Ready” infrastructure to enable R&D
 - Facilities, instrumentation, lab modernization, computing, databases
- Grants targeting small businesses (SBIR/STTR)
- STEM workforce development/training grants



R&ED Initiatives and Support

- Curated list of ongoing research targeting COVID-19
- FAQs for research operations and policy changes
- Updated website containing list of coronavirus-related funding opportunities
- Special Ignite Planning Grants (\$5K-\$10K/3 months)
- Expansion of the summer Catalyst Program (online)
- SBTDC and Ventureprise assistance for small businesses/startups
- Survey of research impacts



Q & A