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Greetings Colleagues,

The Trump Administration has quickly begun implementing its policy priorities, issuing Executive Orders (EOs) and initiating internal reviews across several agencies. As is often the case for a new administration, there are temporary pauses on funding, external communications and operational reviews. Many decisions will be delayed until new agency leadership is in place, allowing them to interpret Congressional authorizations, streamline operations and align with the new Administration's priorities. While we understand that these priorities represent a shift from the current state, we still need additional guidance to fully understand their impact.

Yesterday, a memorandum published by OMB ([M-25-13](#)) provided guidance directing federal agencies to temporarily pause activities associated with federal grant, loan or federal financial assistance programs. Additional information was released today in a memo clarifying that the pause does not apply across the board, just to activities implicated by the President's Executive Orders that were specifically listed in the M-25-13 guidance. Legal challenges have been brought forth across the nation, and court decisions actively are unfolding in real time.

Many details remain unclear, but our understanding is that most researchers will be able to continue their work without a pause, and proposal submission systems continue to operate. However, we are starting to see agency requests to PIs for scope revisions and suspend work orders for obligated funds. It is important that you monitor your email for these requests and respond in a timely manner should you receive one. If you receive agency communications related to suspend or stop work orders associated with a specific award, please send it to osp@uw.edu and your dean's office.

For more general guidance and steps to take in responding to a request to stop or suspend work, see [Guidance on New Administration Policy for Federal Research](#). Please bookmark this web page; it will be updated as we learn more.

With support from UW's Federal Relations team, the UW Office of Research, Office of Sponsored Programs, and UW Finance, Planning and Budgeting are closely watching developments impacting research, including Executive Orders, sponsor policies and other changes under the new administration. If you are aware of broad agency memos that are relevant to UW's research enterprise, please share these with us by emailing federal-updates@uw.edu.

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