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| Advance Spend Policy & Upcoming Dashboard Demos |

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| Colleagues,   With the increasing uncertainty about federal funding, normal processes for advance spending on research cannot be sustained. Two weeks ago, we decided to pause in issuing new Advance Spend. Recognizing that there are agency delays in processing extensions, renewals and new awards, we will consider exceptions as outlined in the [Advance Spend section](https://discover.uw.edu/MTMxLUFRTy0yMjUAAAGZN1SExt_TFkTMaZlHFfyhckWZrzp_W2t7UsfJHb8Iw-tz4ljgvGNB6H77nlF43tP-7QwagSs=) of Office of Research [Federal Research Guidance Page](https://discover.uw.edu/MTMxLUFRTy0yMjUAAAGZN1SExmNVgiPqT9K17Q3GdfT2o32LsNcBdJxR2UnZxDT5boZI-qiFfyv_iQOvEeK-YfcOSoI=). However, because of continued uncertainty about the status of pending federal awards, we will need to limit the duration of all advance spending. Where advance spending has already been approved, if the anticipated start date is before February 1, 2025, departments should immediately identify alternate funding or initiate temporary HR actions. Please see the [HR Support Resources page](https://discover.uw.edu/MTMxLUFRTy0yMjUAAAGZN1SExrhTpPa_A3uH-hZdQV1t-3u8ctGG3GKU45hlHQajBp0WbLad9xiKpPIskaE0j1mtk6I=). For Advance Spend with later start dates, please see the [Advance Spend policy](https://discover.uw.edu/MTMxLUFRTy0yMjUAAAGZN1SExt_TFkTMaZlHFfyhckWZrzp_W2t7UsfJHb8Iw-tz4ljgvGNB6H77nlF43tP-7QwagSs=). We will continue to keep you updated as we have new information: see the [Federal Research Guidance Page](https://discover.uw.edu/MTMxLUFRTy0yMjUAAAGZN1SExmNVgiPqT9K17Q3GdfT2o32LsNcBdJxR2UnZxDT5boZI-qiFfyv_iQOvEeK-YfcOSoI=).   In this uncertain time, we know that PIs want to be able to easily see their research budget expenditures and balance. There are now better tools available, but we are still working on the training materials. Given the urgent need, the Finance Data Group and Office of Research learning team have agreed to offer a series of Zoom demo sessions on using two financial dashboards: the [Post Award Dashboard](https://discover.uw.edu/MTMxLUFRTy0yMjUAAAGZN1SExpigCwCP3OCgwE-KhqFFCC_sDhHXDwOnoDOBcuiZZQvwz4CSd2Hnu-9mWWkJ1CVIxoQ=) and [Principal Investigator Dashboard](https://discover.uw.edu/MTMxLUFRTy0yMjUAAAGZN1SExmpyckrxcjr2nC1DJPZlMoTDL-nPZ-71LXEMJjuxmEEEYHtuCYjaeC-NIhmhesK1tp0=). The dashboards give PIs tools for fast analysis of their portfolios, including sponsored grants, awards, stand-alone grants, gifts, staffing, and more. Developers will demonstrate how to use both dashboards and answer specific questions from PIs who are looking at their portfolios opened in the tools. All feedback from PIs will be tracked and used to improve training for these tools. Please join one of our 1-hour demos at your convenience:   * 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. on March 21, 24, 25, 26, 27 (content is the same for each demo). * Zoom link is the same for all dates: [https://washington.zoom.us/j/98251946207](https://discover.uw.edu/MTMxLUFRTy0yMjUAAAGZN1SExvQzR-OQO6IffSl6xhOsADqVhwB-CSPNrhUg_HSlXlptgNESK6hApTkW23WeEXdh2zo=) * See [demo announcement](https://discover.uw.edu/MTMxLUFRTy0yMjUAAAGZN1SExmvA7wwSifsDjvdXMknZwC5tbS3hBBbNyv1XsXV9enLA1Dpy5gPPxDrTaT-q2ueuxJk=) for a detailed agenda.   I appreciate that this is a very difficult and stressful time for our research community. I am talking with Associate/Vice Deans for Research over the next few weeks about how we can keep our community resilient. There are also opportunities to [get involved with the UW community](https://discover.uw.edu/MTMxLUFRTy0yMjUAAAGZN1SExn5CuDmeVcE9KbJ6yJF6ygrMysw9Mtie_BSEj_sy2yejQyDgl4pBFeY7qHglXo9w99I=) beyond research. Resources available to support your wellbeing include the [Employee Assistance Program](https://discover.uw.edu/MTMxLUFRTy0yMjUAAAGZN1SExk_KAdNX7x0TSJk3Y22bKcaq8bNi5s9-t4EhsdRfhbPATYpkZ-FNkFjeFGclfBoatGM=) and the [Resilience Lab](https://discover.uw.edu/MTMxLUFRTy0yMjUAAAGZN1SExpiTbXWJ9UTHS_t1uTkbpHokUwBsFygeHTStZwvVTAq67efSioqKT1619YSKIWJhJTM=). I encourage you to connect with others in your research area to identify ways you can share resources and support each other.   Mari Ostendorf  Vice Provost for Research |

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