



Health Colleges Research Services

News and Announcements

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We know many of you are anxious about what is happening at NIH and other federal agencies, and we all deeply share your concerns. We are working with OR&I and others to monitor the situation as it evolves. Please continue your work to advance science (unless you have been specifically asked to stop, in which case, please let [Dr. Nara Parameswaran](#) know ASAP).

Below are various resources that will help you stay up-to-date on the current situation and ways to advocate for science and funding:

- [MSUs Sponsored Programs Administration](#)
 - You will find updates, impacts to proposals and awards, MSU Communications, and additional resources.
- Important information from the Association of American Medical Colleges
 - [AAMC Statement on Drastic Cuts to NIH-Funded Research](#)
 - [Fact sheet](#), Facilities and Administrative Costs of Research
 - [Fact sheet](#), Comparing Foundation and Federal Government Research Support
 - This [FAQ](#) document touches briefly on industry/other sectors (e.g., pg. 3)
 - AAMC and partner higher education organizations have developed a guidance document on updating F&A websites and the importance of F&A costs. A PDF of the document is [here](#).
 - This [site](#) provides a high-level view of impact per state
 - Useful [economic impact data](#)
- Check [here](#) if you need information on how to contact Congress. Below is a template for writing to your Congressional leaders regarding cuts to research funding and facilities & administrative costs (also known as indirect cost return):

I am writing as a researcher to share my concerns about the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) plan to cut research funding by reducing indirect costs, also known as facilities and administrative (F&A), to 15% for all grants. While this action is currently being weighed by the courts, its implementation would severely undermine the research that drives medical innovation and improves health for all Americans.

Indirect costs support essential operational expenses related to research, including laboratory space, utilities, and compliance with federal regulations governing animal welfare, research security, and biosafety. Careful adherence to these regulations is critical for maintaining research integrity and ensuring accountability to the American public. Without these funds, research cannot move forward.

Drastic cuts to research funding will lead to job losses and harm state and local economies. In the long term, fewer scientists will be trained, and the U.S. risks losing its position as the global leader in scientific and medical research and innovation.

I urge you to work with NIH to fully support the costs associated with federal research grants so that life-saving research can continue without disruption. Protecting this funding is essential for medical progress, economic growth, and the health of all Americans.

If you missed Dean Sousa's weekly updates on this subject, you can catch them [here](#). You can also follow Dean Sousa's weekly Town Hall [here](#) where updates and resources are provided.

We are here to support you to do your best research and move your science forward. I know these are trying times, but we will get past this as we have done in the past. Please let us know how we can be helpful.

Standing and serving with you all,

Nara Parameswaran and the HCRS team

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