UCSD Health Sciences Staff

SUBJECT: Submission of NIH Applications during the Government Shutdown

Dear Health Sciences Faculty:

Due to the absence of a FY 2014 budget appropriation or Continuing Resolution, the federal government began shutdown procedures this morning at 12:01 AM. We are contacting you today specifically to talk about NIH applications and NIH progress reports.

NIH Recommendations. In respect to the government shutdown, the NIH has published recommendations for the submission of new, renewal, and resubmission grants.gov applications for upcoming special RFAs and standard deadlines. The NIH recommends all electronic proposals to be held until such time as standard business operations resume. Once NIH operations have recommenced, there will be at least a 24 hour window when new submission dates will be announced for those FOAs and RFAs that were due during the government closure.

While it is not preferred, you do have the option to submit your electronic proposal through grants.gov while the government is officially shutdown. Grants.gov will be accepting applications and will have a skeleton crew on hand. If you chose to submit during this time, you will receive a time stamp as well as a grants.gov tracking number that verifies your submission. Please note, if you choose this option you will not receive any notice of possible errors and/or warnings that will need to be addressed until after the government resumes operations and eRA Commons is back online.

Two-day viewing window. If you submitted your application through grants.gov prior to the shutdown, but still within the two-day viewing window, this option will be available to you once eRA Commons is back online. Additionally, the two-day viewing window will be available to you if you chose to submit during the shutdown as well as if you chose to submit after NIH has resumed business operations.

Paper and RPPR. For all paper applications and paper progress reports, please do not submit, since there will be no one at CSR or OER to receive them. For all electronic progress reports (RPPR) and JIT, please hold off on submitting these, since eRA Commons is currently off-line. Once NIH resumes operations, you will then be able to submit your paper applications, JIT and/or progress reports. eRA Commons is expected to go back online about one day after NIH is back in business.

More Information. The full notice from the NIH can be found here: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-13-126.html. For more information on other agency specified government shutdown recommendations, please see Blink here: http://blink.ucsd.edu/research/shutdown.html as well as
http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/contingency-plans.

Thank you,

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