



Dear Colleagues,

We understand that the new [guidance \(NOT-OD-25-068\)](#) issued by the National Institute of Health (NIH) on Friday has caused concern across the research community. We are working with our partners – including [AAU](#), [Big Ten Academic Alliance](#), [American Association of Medical Colleges](#), [American Hospital Association](#), and [Research America](#) – to fully understand its impact and will keep you updated.

Please continue your important research without interruption. The guidance issued relates specifically to reimbursements for shared university expenses like lab space, libraries, and security, not direct research funding. If you have project-specific questions, or receive communication directly from a federal agency, please contact Katie Rountree at routree@usc.edu or your [Contracts and Grants Officer](#).

Thank you for all you do to advance your research and solve the world's most pressing challenges.

Sincerely,

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