TO: Washington University Research Community

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TOPIC: Federal Funding Newsletter – NSF FY13 Sequestration Update

In keeping with our efforts to provide the WUSTL research community with current and validated information regarding the federal funding of research, please find new information regarding NSF’s FY13 budget below.

“Update to Important Notice No. 133”

NSF has issued an update regarding the agency’s funding for FY13 entitled, "Update to Important Notice No. 133." The original notice was issued in February and outlines how the NSF intended to absorb the impacts of the Sequestration.

In its new update, NSF reports, “while sequestration does have a significant impact on NSF’s budget, the impact on existing programs has been partially mitigated due to FY 2013 Congressional appropriations, combined with difficult choices including limits to new research that would have been initiated otherwise.”

What does this mean to the research community?

• NSF will fully fund all existing continuing grant increments in FY13;

• NSF directorates have now received full-year funding allocations, which will allow funding decisions to be made prior to the end of the fiscal year on September 30th;

• NSF expects to make fewer new awards in FY13;

• NSF will fully fund all FY13 major research equipment and facilities construction projects;

• Competitions for some programs and solicitations may not be conducted in FY13; and

• NSF staff will not be furloughed, allowing for no interruptions to the NSF proposal review and award decision making processes.

The FY13 budgetary situation for NSF has stabilized. However, the situation for next fiscal year remains less certain.

For more information regarding The Update and a link to the original Notice No. 133:


Future communications and information

As news develops, future communications will be sent regarding the federal budget and its anticipated effects on the federal funding of research. In addition, budgetary and agency-specific information will continue to be compiled and posted on the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research website, https://research.wustl.edu.

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