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Dear N.C. A&T Research Faculty and Staff,

With the expiration of the current federal continuing resolution on Sept. 30, 2025, a federal government shutdown is possible. The Division of Research is closely monitoring the situation and is working to minimize disruption to our research community.

Key Impacts on Research and Grants

- **New Grant Awards and Delays:** Federal agencies will be unable to issue new grants, contracts, or funding increments during a shutdown. This will likely cause delays in reviews and announcements for proposals already submitted.
- **Federal Grant Systems:** Online systems like Grants.gov, Research.gov, and NIH eRA Commons may have limited functionality or be inaccessible.
- **Existing Awards:** Work on existing, fully funded awards may generally continue, provided there is no explicit "stop-work" order from the federal sponsor. If you receive a stop-work order, notify the [Office of Sponsored Programs \(OSP\)](#) immediately. Reimbursement for incurred costs on existing awards may also be delayed.
- **Agency Staff and Communication:** Most federal agency program officers and grants management staff will be furloughed and unavailable. Please do not expect timely responses to inquiries during this time.
- **Reporting:** Reporting deadlines for active awards generally remain in effect, even if agency staff are not available to receive them.

Actions to Take Now

- **Submit Proposals Early:** If you are preparing a proposal for a federal deadline approaching October 1, submit it as far in advance as possible.
- **Review Active Awards:** Check the current funding status of your projects. If you have questions about the availability of funds for active awards, please contact your [contracts and grants accountant](#).
- **Communicate with Your Team:** Inform research staff, students, and subawardees of a possible shutdown and its potential impacts.

We will continue to provide updates via our [website](#) and direct communication as the situation evolves.

Sincerely,

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