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Dear Research Administrators

We made it! Kudos to everyone for supporting research remotely and very effectively. As you head into the first weekend of Spring please remember to **Stay Home**.

Funding Agency Updates:

Many federal agencies are extending proposal submission deadlines. Please be sure to check [GRANTS.gov](https://www.grants.gov) to review any changes, including deadlines, related to federal funding opportunity announcements.

The Office of Management and Budget updated it's guidance regarding ***Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations*** [M-20-17](#). The key takeaway from OMB is to be reassured that federal funding agencies are working with grantees and researchers to provide support now and in the future.

Many of the operational impacts and costs are unknowable at this point, as they will depend on the spread of the coronavirus and response dictated by public health needs. This [memorandum](#) provides short term relief for administrative, financial management, and audit requirements under 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, without compromising Federal financial assistance accountability requirements.

Federal funding agencies are committed to supporting research and are dedicating resources to make sure that the nation's research is protected. OMB has given agencies and grantees the flexibility to administer and manage awards and we will work with you, our investigators and the funding agency to mitigate COVID-19 programmatic and financial impacts.

Stay Connected

Thanks to all who joined yesterday's [Brown Bag](#) session – we counted 82 in the virtual crowd (a record!) and posted the slides and the calculator to the [NU-RES Administrator's Toolbox](#).

Next Tuesday (3/24 @2:30 via Teams) as part of our **Learn More** series we'll be discussing *Cost Sharing & Northeastern's Contributions to Research* but will also add in a special follow-on for *Questions about COVID-19 and Impacts on Research*. Please [send any questions](#) in

advance we'll be sure to address them.

We've also been in contact with our **subrecipients**. [Nancy Thomas](#), Manager of Subawards, has contacted our subrecipients and administrative colleagues at subawardee institutes to let them know we are fully operational and working remotely and to ask them to please make sure to let us know as soon as possible if their scope of the research project is impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We'll share any subrecipient responses with our Principal Investigators and administrators.

We continue to update the [NU-RES COVID-19 Updates](#) web site as new announcements and notices and are routinely updating the [NU-RES COVID-19 FAQs](#); so if you or your investigators have a question that we haven't answered please let us know or if there are other ways we can help, please contact your email via NU-RES@northeastern.edu.

As we all navigate uncharted waters together, it's helpful to take time out and learn from others. Earlier this week, the [Massachusetts Women's Council provided helpful links](#) for managing in uncertain and concerning times and podcasts to help us all maintain our equanimity. Northeastern's own Global Resilience Institute has created a free, on-line course, [COVID-19: How to be Safe & Resilient](#), please share this resource with your network.

And in the spirit of shared learning, we're also exploring how best to build a virtual research administration community to support each other and share information, ideas, and solutions to common challenges. *Stay tuned*

Best wishes from your NU-RES Team.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, your NU-RES Team will be working remotely; e-mail is the preferred means of communication; we are also available to meet via Microsoft Teams or phone. In the case of an emergency, please call 617-373-5600 or email NU-RES@northeastern.edu, the central NU-RES email box is monitored during regular business hours. Because circumstances are evolving quickly please also refer to our [NU-RES web site](#) and our [COVID-19 Updates page](#) for information about submitting proposals and managing your awards.