

PROTECT CONGRESSIONAL INVESTMENT IN FEDERAL GRANTS

OMB-2026-0034 proposed grant policy revisions could disrupt federally funded work after Congress has already appropriated money. Please consider the significant implications of these changes for researchers, institutions, scientific progress, and the country as a whole.

WHY THIS MATTERS



\$200.205

Politics would override scientific opportunity, giving OMB and select political appointees expansive authority over how federal research and development funds are awarded.



\$200.204

Award eligibility for institutions and individuals would be based on vague and undefined terms.



\$200.340

It would provide freer rein to cancel or suspend grants at any time.



\$200.220

More restrictions would be placed on international collaboration.

This is not just a university issue.

These proposed changes could affect federal assistance across government, including state and local governments, hospitals, nonprofits, businesses, research institutions, and community organizations.

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CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

We are grateful for the actions of both the Senate and House to delay implementation through December 11, buying valuable time.

We urge both chambers to find a more permanent solution before that date.

LOCAL IMPACT

Please see the accompanying **FASEB district/state fact sheet** for local institutions, jobs, and federal research investment in your state or district.



Photo of SNAP member Sneha Rao in the lab

Complicating research implementation

- \$200.220, \$200.432, \$200.454, and \$200.461 restrict grant funding for publication costs, accessing journal articles, and attending conferences.
- Sharing results is essential for research progress and the ability of tax-payer funded fundamental research to turn into technologies.

Impacting workforce development

- Grants fund graduate research essential for technical training and professional development.
- With less support from grants, universities are accepting smaller cohorts and cutting programs.
- Positions may no longer be available when graduate students enter the workforce.

WE CAN HAVE BOTH ACCOUNTABILITY AND STABILITY

Clearer oversight and stronger accountability are reasonable goals. Before making government-wide changes that impact so many people, OMB should provide the public with a better sense of how this proposed rule will affect them.

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