



October 22, 2013

Dear Colleagues,

As the federal sponsors continue the task of re-establishing operations and adjusting deadlines that were missed during the federal shutdown, I want to share information that we have received thus far, and OCGA's plans to handle the backlog created.

**NIH:**

NIH continues to determine how to handle missed review meetings, training and other activities that were scheduled during or immediately following the government shutdown. Information that we have to date and how OCGA will coordinate activities, as well as relevant resources are provided below:

- The eRA Commons is now fully available for public access. OCGA can now resume functions such as processing of no-cost extensions, user account creation, and other administrative functions.
  - xTrain and PI functions are also available.
- Grant Application deadlines have been rescheduled as follows:

Activity Code	Original Due Date	New Due Date
R01s, U01s (New)	October 5	November 12
Ks (New)	October 12	November 12
R03s, R21s, R34s, R36s (New)	October 16	November 18
R15s (All)	October 25	November 18

Special Due Dates:

Funding Opportunity	Original Due Date	New Due Date
Various RFAs, PARs, PAs	Due dates not listed above	November 1*

\*Exceptions:

Funding Opportunity	Original Due Date	New Due Date
<a href="#">PAR-13-277</a>	October 1	November 14
<a href="#">PAR-13-351</a>	October 23	November 14
<a href="#">RFA-AI-13-043</a>	October 23	November 14
<a href="#">PAR-13-086</a>	October 24	November 14
<a href="#">PAR-13-087</a>	October 24	November 14

- November grant applications due date will not change.

- Grants.gov will continue to accept applications for FOAs with October closing dates, even if those dates have passed.
- To accommodate the revised deadlines OCGA teams will reach out to PI's this week to confirm whether proposals that have been on-hold during the closure are ready for submission.
- If the proposal has been reviewed by OCGA, no additional changes have been made since the original review, and it is ready for submission; OCGA will submit.
- If changes have been made or need to be made, PIs may do so, but must adhere to the OCGA internal deadline for receipt of the proposals of **five business days prior to the revised deadline**.
- Please bear in mind that the revised October deadlines will now be interspersed with November standard deadlines thereby increasing the number of applications for review and submission by OCGA.
- NIH has not issued guidance related to Progress Reports that were due either during or immediately after the shutdown. When guidance is available we will share it with the campus community.
- The NIH Loan Repayment Program application due date has been extended from November 15 to December 2.
- Over 200 peer review meetings were cancelled during the shutdown. For details on adjustments to peer review, see NOT-OD-14-003 (attached).
- Applicants whose review meetings are rescheduled and whose applications are reassigned to the May 2014 Council will be notified via email to the PI and signing official listed on the grant application. In addition, meeting dates listed in the eRA Commons for these applications for will be changed to 09/09/9999 so they can be identified.
- NIH is giving applicants the option of withdrawing and submitting a refreshed application. If you choose to replace your application, please contact your OCGA Grant Analyst or DRA to coordinate this action as outlined in NOT-OD-14-003.
- NIH anticipates releasing awards (NOAs) sometime after November 1.
- NIH RPPR Phase II Pilot Training Webinar scheduled for October 22, 2013 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. OCGA will reach out to potential participants when an updated schedule is available.

**NIH Resources:**

[NOT-OD-14-002](#)

[NOT-OD-14-003](#)

[Rock Talk](#) - NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research, Sally Rockey's blog.

**NSF:**

NSF continues to return to full operation and address delays that occurred during the shutdown. A [website](#) providing updates and guidance regarding the resumption of normal operations has been launched by NSF. Preliminary guidance is summarized below:

- FastLane is available for proposal preparation and submission, no-cost extension requests, supplemental funding requests, and other post-award notifications and requests.
- Approximately 50 deadlines or target dates between October 1 and October 25 have now been revised.
  - Revised dates fall during the period October 23 (for an LOI) through November 20.
  - A complete list of revised target dates is available at: [http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/postshutdown/reviseddates\\_oct22.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/postshutdown/reviseddates_oct22.pdf)
- New funding opportunities will be issued based on schedules to be determined by the NSF Directorates and Program Directors.

- Proposal review panels that were canceled due to the shutdown will be rescheduled unless a different direction is determined by the cognizant Program Officer.
- Ad hoc reviews that could not be submitted via FastLane during the shutdown may now be submitted using the Proposal Review function.
- Notifications of whether proposals were recommended for funding may be delayed.
- Research.gov is operational and project reports should be submitted via Research.gov as soon as possible.

## **NASA:**

NASA Science Mission Directorate Research program has revised a number of deadlines as noted below:

- Appendix C.12 of ROSES 13, the Mars Data Analysis Program, proposals are now due Wednesday, October 23, 2013
- Appendix C.11 of ROSES 13, Planetary Mission Analysis Program, proposals are now due Monday, October 28, 2013
- Appendix B.5 of ROSES 13, Heliophysics Grand Challenges Step-2 proposals are now due Thursday, October 31, 2013
- Appendix C.7 of ROSES 13, Outer Planets Research proposals are now due Friday, November 15, 2013
- Appendix A.11 of ROSES 13, Ocean Vector Winds Science Team, proposals are now due Friday, November 15, 2013
- NASA Astrobiology Institute CAN Step-1 proposals are now due Monday, November 18, 2013
- NASA Astrobiology Institute CAN Step-2 proposals are now due Wednesday, February 19, 2014
- Earth Venture Instrument-2 (Appendix M of SALMON-2) proposals are now due November 25, 2013
- Mars 2020 Pre-Proposal Conference is now Monday, October 28, 2013
- Mars 2020 NOI are now due Monday, November 4, 2013
- Mars 2020 proposals are now due Wednesday, January 15, 2014
- Responses to the RFIs on Sustainable Land Imaging Architecture Study and also Lessons Learned from Recent Planetary Science Division AOs are now both due by November 1, 2013.
- There will likely be delay (of ~two weeks?) in the due date for proposals to the NASA postdoctoral fellowship program announced later this week, but that has not yet been determined. Once that has been established we will post it on the SARA web page and it will also appear at <http://nasa.orau.org/>.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we move a backlog of over 100 proposals as well as other research related actions related to the federal shutdown.

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