

## **Res Updates 2020 Mar27 - Updates on COVID-19**

### **CUNY Guideline on COVID-19 Research Continuity**

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#### **Research Continuity**

##### **CUNY Guideline For Research Continuity**

This is the latest guideline from CUNY Research Office, updated on Mar 26, 2020 at 4pm. See details at

[Research Continuity - Mar 26, 2020](#)

##### **PSC-CUNY and QC Internal Awards**

Given the impact of COVID-19, some colleagues have asked if the PSC-CUNY awards can be extended. This issue has been discussed by the CUNY Office of Research and PSC, and as a result we expect an extension of six months for the Cycle 50 awards (currently ending on June 30, 2020). Details will be communicated to the PIs by the RF. For Cycle 51 competitions, the funding decisions are expected to be announced in mid-May. For the Queens College Research Enhancement awards, the award decisions are expected to be made in April. For our [Epsilons awards](#), we will accept applications throughout the year as usual.

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#### **Community Engagements**

##### **Webinar on Research Against COVID-19 by NY Industry & Academic Partnerships**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2:00 pm

**Registration:** [bit.ly/2UCuLgX](https://bit.ly/2UCuLgX)

**More information at** [CAT COVID19 Webinar.png](#)

##### **Helping the Community**

The NYC Health + Hospitals has proposed a "Recruitment Call to Action," (see attached) asking local colleges and universities to provide immediate assistance in identifying and contacting key potential resources, including:

- Students to assist patients with the activities of daily living and hygiene.
- Faculty to support students when they are on-site at our healthcare facilities.
- Faculty to assist with training.
- Licensed registered nurses to handle tele-health outreach, including registration.

If you can offer help or suggestion, please let me know at [yronq@qc.cuny.edu](mailto:yronq@qc.cuny.edu)

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## External Funding

### NIH SCORE Submission

Earlier, we extended the deadline for NIH SCORE whitepaper to March 23. We have learned that some colleagues are still overwhelmed with COVID-19 issues. If you wish to submit but missed the deadline, please communicate with John Dennehy ([John.Dennehy@qc.cuny.edu](mailto:John.Dennehy@qc.cuny.edu)) for a possible additional extension.

### Updates from Funding Agencies, including Funding Opportunities

NIH has updates its [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\): Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients](#) website with a slew of additional FAQs, new funding opportunities, as well as the [video message](#) from Dr. Michael Lauer, Deputy Director for Extramural Research at NIH. NIH also published [notice](#) announcing that grant applications submitted late for due dates between March 9, 2020, and May 1, 2020, will be accepted through May 1, 2020. This notice applies to all relevant funding opportunity announcements, including those that indicate no late applications will be accepted. A cover letter providing a justification is not required. NIH will be extending the expiration date of most FOAs expiring between now and May 1. Be sure to read the [notice](#) carefully for details.

After we alerted you about the [NSF Dear Colleague Letter on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) including the NSF Rapid Response Research mechanism (see our Research Updates on March 11), NSF Engineering Directorate issued a second Dear Colleague letter specific to [COVID-19 SBIR/STTR Phase I Proposals](#) on March 25, 2020.

NSF FAQ for Proposers and Awardees (March 26, 2020)

[https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/covid19/covid19faqs\\_proposerandawardee.pdf](https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/covid19/covid19faqs_proposerandawardee.pdf)

NSF Coronavirus Information Page

[https://www.nsf.gov/news/special\\_reports/coronavirus/](https://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/coronavirus/)

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## Weblinks related to COVID 19

NSF FAQs <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20053/nsf20053.jsp#q9>

NIH FAQs <https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus>

CUNY official guidance for COVID 19 <https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/>

QC website for Key Updates and Resources related to COVID 19

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/StudentLife/services/health/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

RF Guidance for PIs and Employees (added March 12, 2020)

RF has updated their coronavirus guidance for PIs and employees through RF. Please see links below which also link to COGR Guidance that includes FAQs for NSF and NIH:

- <https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/about/announcements/coronavirus-guidance/>
- <https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/learning-resources/covid-19-guidance/workplace-guidance-related-to-covid-19-for-field-staff/>
- <https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/learning-resources/covid-19-guidance/covid-19-event-guidance-and-faqs-for-cuny-pis/>
- <https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/learning-resources/covid-19-guidance/rfcuny-remote-work-guidelines-for-the-covid-19-event/>

### **COVID-19 Resources for Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding**

Due to the potential exceptional impact of the declared public health emergency, we want to assure our recipient community that NIH will be doing our part to help you continue your research. See a video message from Dr. Mike Lauer discussing the flexibilities available for applicants and recipients [Continue reading](#)

### **Guidance for NIH-Funded Clinical Trials and Human Subjects Studies Affected by COVID-19**

For details on expanded flexibilities, such as mid-project period extensions and administrative supplements for unanticipated costs, see [NOT-OD-20-087](#). [Continue reading](#)

### **NIH Late Application Policy, Administrative Flexibilities, and FAQs Related to 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

When delays occur because the applicant or recipient organization is officially closed or unable to submit grant applications due to the effects of COVID-19, the NIH will consider accepting applications late, on a case-by-case basis. [Continue reading →](#)

### **Flexibilities for Assured Institutions for Activities of Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUCs) Due to COVID-19**

See [NOT-OD-20-088](#) for flexibilities provided in the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals ([Policy](#)) that are applicable to implementing a pandemic plan for animal care and use programs. [Continue reading →](#)

### **Special OLAW Webinar on March 19: Pandemic Contingency Planning and Its Impact on Animal Care**

Are you testing or implementing your institution's pandemic response plan for the first time? Do you have questions about flexibilities provided by the PHS Policy that may be helpful during a pandemic? We are hosting a [special webinar](#) on March 19<sup>th</sup> to help your institution prepare for a pandemic that may impact the animal care and use program.

[Continue reading](#)

Additional concerns related to research can be communicated to us at [yrong@qc.cuny.edu](mailto:yrong@qc.cuny.edu)

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