

## **Coronavirus Update: New Resources and More**

April 23, 2020 -- We know this is not an easy time for anyone. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted millions around the globe, and has no doubt touched you or someone you know. We are with you. Your work has never been more important.

The Office of Research is here to support your work. Here are a few updates we think may be helpful.

**New website.** This week we launched a [website](#) to help you look for sponsored project opportunities. The database is updated daily and is searchable using key words.

**Sponsor Agencies Communication.** We have compiled [a list of communications from sponsor agencies](#) on the Office of Research website. The roundup includes letters or notes about what agencies want you to do if your work has been impacted by COVID-19. We encourage you to visit the site often.

**Getting you back to your lab.** A team, which includes researchers, faculty, administrators and associate deans among others, is working to build a Research Lab Ramp Up Plan, so that we have a clear process to return you to your labs in a safe manner, as soon as it is viable.

**Assessing expenditures.** We have been working on a way to quantify project expenditures during your response to the coronavirus that may be reimbursable to your grant or contract. We expect to communicate guidelines soon.

**Contact your Program Manager.** If you haven't already done so, please reach out to your program manager at your sponsoring agency to provide an update about how COVID-19 has impacted your research. If you are unsure about who to contact at your sponsoring agency, you can look at your award notification on the Huron Grants website. We suggest that you initially reach out with an email and offer to follow up by telephone. We suggest you share:

\*Activities that you have been able to continue that are within the scope of the project (e.g. computational activities; data analysis; manuscript preparation; dissemination; laboratory activities deemed essential and continuing),

\*Research activities that have been unavoidably delayed (e.g., in-person interaction with human subjects, laboratory efforts, travel), and

\*If known, possible activities planned over the next 2-3 months.

At some point you may want to provide additional information or requests to your program manager including extension on deadlines that will be missed, no-cost extensions plans, supplement requests, etc. Please note that a change in scope from that approved is typically not permitted unless a supplement is awarded. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Davis at [Maryd@ucf.edu](mailto:Maryd@ucf.edu).

Thanks for all your hard work and let us know how we can continue to support your efforts.