



**Indiana University – Bloomington**  
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**Resolution on Communication from Indiana University on Changes to Federal Research Funding**

Whereas the president of the United States has issued Executive Orders in the initial days of his administration, including the executive orders *Protecting the American People Against Invasion*<sup>1</sup>, *Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid*<sup>2</sup>, *Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements*<sup>3</sup>, *Unleashing American Energy*<sup>4</sup>, *Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing*<sup>5</sup>, *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*<sup>6</sup>, and *Enforcing the Hyde Amendment*<sup>7</sup>.

Whereas on January 27th, 2025, pursuant to the aforementioned executive orders, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued a directive to all federal agencies pausing “all activities related to obligation or disbursement of all federal financial assistance, and other relevant agency activities that may be implicated by the executive orders.”<sup>8</sup>

Whereas on January 28th, 2025, the National Science Foundation froze all payments to all existing grants, including grants that have already been awarded.

Whereas, graduate students across IU Bloomington’s campus are concerned and confused about the state of their research funding and fellowships.

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<sup>1</sup> Executive Order: Protecting the American People Against Invasion

[protecting-the-american-people-against-invasion](#)

<sup>2</sup>Executive Order: Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid

[reevaluating-and-realigning-united-states-foreign-aid](#)

<sup>3</sup> Executive Order: Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements

[putting-america-first-in-international-environmental-agreements](#)

<sup>4</sup> Executive Order: Unleashing American Energy [unleashing-american-energy](#)

<sup>5</sup> Executive Order: Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing

[ending-radical-and-wasteful-government-dei-programs-and-preferencing](#)

<sup>6</sup> Executive Order: Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government

[defending-women-from-gender-ideology-extremism-and-restoring-biological-truth-to-the-federal-governm  
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<sup>7</sup> Executive Order: Enforcing the Hyde Amendment [enforcing-the-hyde-amendment](#)

<sup>8</sup> OMB Memorandum M-25-13

[https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/25506186/m-25-13-temporary-pause-to-review-agency-grant-lo  
an-and-other-financial-assistance-programs.pdf](https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/25506186/m-25-13-temporary-pause-to-review-agency-grant-lo<br/>an-and-other-financial-assistance-programs.pdf)



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Whereas students who will potentially lose their funding need to continue to pay their rent and living expenses including but not limited to: groceries, gas, childcare, healthcare costs, and insurance payments.

Whereas the University of Michigan<sup>9</sup>, Purdue University<sup>10</sup>, Washington University, University of Oregon, and the University of Texas at Austin<sup>11</sup> have each established a website tracking updates and news surrounding federal grants and loans.

Whereas The Ohio State University<sup>12</sup>, University of Illinois<sup>13</sup>, Northwestern University<sup>14</sup>, University of Iowa<sup>15</sup>, University of Maryland<sup>16</sup>, University of Minnesota<sup>17</sup>, Washington University in St. Louis<sup>18</sup>, University of Oregon<sup>19</sup>, Colorado State University<sup>20</sup>, the City University of New York<sup>21</sup>, and the University of California Los Angeles<sup>22</sup> have established pages on their research websites dedicated to federal research and awards/funding updates.

Whereas the University of Washington's Office of the Provost has established a webpage tracking federal policy updates<sup>23</sup>.

Whereas the University of Colorado has established both a Government Relations Newsletter and an Office of Government Relations website tracking federal and state relations<sup>24</sup>.

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<sup>9</sup> University of Michigan Website Tracking Updates to Federal Grants and Loans [message-on-pause-to-federal-grants-loans](#)

<sup>10</sup> Purdue University Governmental Transition Impact Guidance [govtransition.html](#)

<sup>11</sup> University of Texas at Austin Website Tracking Federal Agency Updates [federal-agency-updates](#)

<sup>12</sup> The Ohio State University Federal Administration Transition Updates [2025-federal-administration](#)

<sup>13</sup> University of Illinois Federal Research Updates [federal-research-updates](#)

<sup>14</sup> Northwestern University Federal Transition Updates [2025-federal-transition-updates.html](#)

<sup>15</sup> University of Iowa Federal Updates [2025-federal-updates](#)

<sup>16</sup> University of Maryland Federal Updates [federalupdates](#)

<sup>17</sup> University of Minnesota Federal Executive Orders and Other Policy Directives [fed-impacts](#)

<sup>18</sup> WashU Federal Research Updates [federal-research-updates-2025](#)

<sup>19</sup> University of Oregon Federal Executive Orders and Research Updates [updates-on-federal-executive-orders-and-research-activities](#)

<sup>20</sup> Colorado State University Federal Funding Updates <https://www.research.colostate.edu/federalupdates/>

<sup>21</sup> City University of New York Federal Funding Updates [updates-on-federal-funding](#)

<sup>22</sup> University of California Los Angeles [2025-administration-transition](#)

<sup>23</sup> University of Washington Federal Policy Updates [federal-policy-updates](#)

<sup>24</sup> University of Colorado Government Relations [government-relations](#)



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Whereas the Pennsylvania State University has established a website for government and community relations detailing federal, state and local changes<sup>25</sup>.

Whereas the University of Wisconsin has established a website for federal relations and transition updates<sup>26</sup>.

Whereas the senior vice president for research at Rutgers University published a letter on the changes to federal government “priorities and policies.”<sup>27</sup>

Whereas on January 24th, 2025 the president, interim provost and board of trustees chair of Michigan State University published a letter on updates to federal policy<sup>28</sup>.

Whereas on January 28th, 2025, the president, provost and executive vice president of Harvard University published a letter on emerging regulations and institutions<sup>29</sup>.

Whereas on January 28th, 2025, the president and provost of Brown University published a letter on federal government actions<sup>30</sup>.

Whereas there has been no direct communication from Indiana University to students regarding federal and state grant updates.

Whereas the GPSG acknowledges the existence of an Indiana University Research webpage listing official updates from federal agencies<sup>31</sup>.

Whereas Indiana University public web pages lack direct comprehensive communication about how federal and state policy changes will impact graduate students and researchers.

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<sup>25</sup> Pennsylvania State University Government and Community Relations [community-updates](#)

<sup>26</sup> University of Wisconsin Federal Relations [for-campus-community](#)

<sup>27</sup> Rutgers University Letter from the VP of Research  
[update-on-federal-government-changes-01272025.pdf](#)

<sup>28</sup> Michigan State University President Statement [2025-01-24-Update-on-emerging-federal-regulations](#)

<sup>29</sup> Harvard University Presidential Statement [emerging-regulations-and-legislation](#)

<sup>30</sup> Brown University Presidential Statement [assessing-federal-government-actions](#)

<sup>31</sup> Indiana University Federal Agency Communications [index.html](#)



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Whereas Indiana University public web pages lack guidance for graduate students who are at risk of losing funding under the new OMB directive and executive orders instructions to access emergency funding.

Whereas Indiana University public web pages lack specific plans to advocate for Indiana University graduate students.

Whereas Indiana University does not currently have a means for Indiana University researchers to report how federal funding changes are affecting them to the Indiana University administration.

Therefore be it resolved, the GPSG advocates that Indiana University:

1. Establish and maintain a website that tracks and communicates evolving federal and state government orders, laws, policies, and other actions that impact research at Indiana University.
2. Clearly communicate how these changes will impact Indiana University researchers and departments.
3. Provide direction for students to access and secure emergency funding.
4. Commit to taking action to protect Indiana University researchers in response to these changes and communicate these responses to members of the Indiana University community.
5. Establish and monitor a means for Indiana University researchers to report how these changes are affecting them and provide feedback to Indiana University administration to better inform advocacy efforts and actions taken by Indiana University.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on February 7th, 2025.

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