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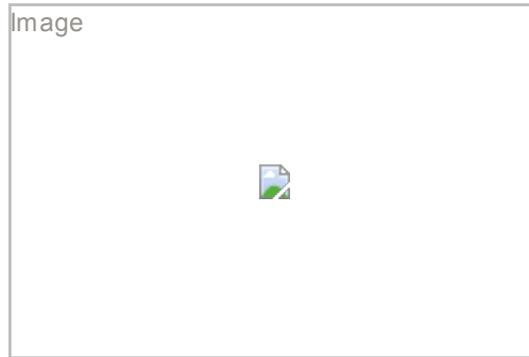
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Federal Shutdown

What should I do about my existing grant?

As you are aware, the Government Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 ended on September 30, 2013 and Congress has not yet passed an Appropriation Act for FY2014, or a continuing resolution to provide transition while the nation's leadership works on a suitable Act. The flow of Federal research money has essentially come to a halt during the shutdown. If you already have current funding, most Federal agencies will allow you to continue working during the shutdown, so long as you do not exceed your current level of funding. However, no new awards or funding increments will be issued during the shutdown and no payments will be made. Please contact your Grant Coordinator for answers to specific questions.

I want to submit a proposal. What should I do?

For most Federal agencies, all or part of the agency's website is dark. Additionally, personnel are not available to assist with proposal submissions or any of the post-submission triage, review and sorting of newly submitted proposals. Consequently, most agencies have requested that we NOT submit proposals and some are not accepting proposal at all. There are a few exceptions, so contact your Grant Coordinator to discuss your specific situation.

Please note that proposals to non-Federal entities will be processed normally, according to the sponsor's

requirements..

I am expecting a funding increment soon. How will the shutdown impact my funding?

No awards or funding increments will be issued during the shutdown.

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AUTM Course--Best Practices in Small Technology Transfer Offices

The Association of University of Technology Managers (AUTM) is hosting a course of special interest to Grant Resource Center (GRC) members, "Successful Practices in Small Technology Transfer Offices," in Dallas, Texas on **October 23-24, 2013**. As a GRC member, Georgia Southern University Office of Research Services and Sponsored programs and its affiliates are eligible for this opportunity. The course will be beneficial to those with an interest in starting a new technology transfer office or who already have a small office and would like to grow existing efforts dramatically. In addition, best practices will be shared to promote a sound response to the innovation agenda currently being advanced by federal and state governments, and the private sector.

As a part of the partnership between AUTM and GRC, GRC members who are not AUTM members may register online for the meeting at member rates by using a discount code- **AASCU13**. If faxing or mailing in a registration form, just write in the code in the payment section. Meeting information and registration options are listed on the AUTM website.

<http://www.autm.net>

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Plagiarism in Proposals

The National Science Foundation is investigating proposals, funded during the 2011 fiscal year, suspected of plagiarism, reported [The Scientist](#). According to NSF's policy, plagiarism, fabrication, and falsification are all recognized as scholarly misconduct in research. The NSF's Office of Inspector General used plagiarism detection software, making this offense easier to discover.

Georgia Southern University Scholarly Misconduct policy states that "plagiarism is the act of appropriating the literary composition of another, parts or passages of his or her writings, or the ideas or language of the same, and passing them off as the product of one's own mind." If misconduct is confirmed, the President and Vice President for Research and Economic Development will be notified by the Provost where the appropriate actions will take place. These included, but are not limited to, a letter of reprimand, salary or rank reduction or termination. An exhausted list can be found in the [Faculty Handbook, Section 404](#).

To create a successful proposal and avoid plagiarism, please see [CITI](#) and [NIH](#) Responsible Conduct of Research training and use the tips from the [Vanderbilt University Plagiarism Checklist](#).

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