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A graphic for the Research Symposium 2015. It features a cluster of colorful circular icons containing various symbols: a book, a heart with a pulse line, a microscope, a violin, a DNA helix, a leaf, a person running, and a bar chart. These icons are arranged in a circular pattern above an open book. The background is a light blue gradient.

Georgia Southern University is now accepting abstracts for The 2015 Research Symposium. Faculty and students from Georgia Southern University and regional colleges and universities are invited to participate. The Research Symposium is a conference-style showcase of student and faculty research across multiple disciplines. This event includes speakers, posters and presentation sessions from all academic disciplines. The deadline for abstract submission is February 27, 2015. Click [here](#) for guidelines and additional information.

## Replenishing Research – President Obama’s 2016 Budget Proposal is Good News for Researchers

The 2016 presidential budget proposal includes a healthy investment in fundamental and applied research. Kaitlin Mulhere of Inside Higher Ed provides a concise overview of the proposed increases in [“Replenishing Research”](#).

### Research Funds in President’s 2016 Budget

	2015 Enacted (in millions)	2016 Proposed (in millions)	% Change, 2014 to 2015
Department of Defense Basic Research	\$2,292	\$2,101	-8.3%
National Institutes of Health	30,273	30,830	1.8%
National Aeronautics and Space	5,600	5,678	1.4%

Administration			
Department of Energy	8,483	8,928	5.2%
National Science Foundation	7,344	7,723	5.2%
–Research	5,933	6,186	4.3%
–Education	866	963	11.2%
Department of Commerce	1,129	1,325	17.4%
Department of Agriculture	2,109	2,365	12.1%

### 2015 Rates for NIH Grants Announced

The National Institutes of Health have announced the new salary cap rates and funding levels for 2015.

- Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2015 [\(NOT-OD-15-048\)](#)
- Notice of Salary Limitation on Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts [\(NOT-OD-15-049\)](#)
- NIH Fiscal Policy for Grant Awards – FY2015 [\(NOT-OD-15-050\)](#)

### NIH Explores the Use of A Single Institutional Review Board for Multi-Site Research

The NIH has published a draft policy allowing the use of a designated Institutional Review Board (IRB) to serve multi-site studies. Currently the IRB at each site must individually approve the research plan or create an agreement to rely on another IRB. The policy change is intended to benefit researchers and institutions by reducing administrative inefficiencies without compromising ethical principals and protections. Click here to view the policy draft [NOT-OD-15-026](#)

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