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A graphic for a 'CALL FOR PROPOSALS' for the 'RESEARCH 2015 SYMPOSIUM' at Georgia Southern University. The text is in blue and black. To the right is a cluster of colorful circular icons representing various fields: a book, a heart with a pulse line, a beaker, a computer monitor, a DNA helix, a violin, a magnifying glass, a person running, and a bar chart with an upward arrow. Below the icons is an open book. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text 'FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015 • NESSMITH-LANE CONFERENCE CENTER' in white.

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% |

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| 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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