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In response to the many rapid changes happening at the federal government level, UMB's Issues Management Advisory Group put together this website to help assess how federal policies of the current presidential administration might impact the University.

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Dear UMB Research Community,

Over the last few weeks, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has issued some updates that may change the way the University of Maryland, Baltimore's (UMB) researchers find funding opportunities and position their work for funding.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2026 (which starts Oct. 1, 2025), the [NIH announced](#) that it will exclusively use [Grants.gov](#), a federal-wide portal for discretionary funding opportunities, to post all grant and cooperative agreement notices of funding opportunities (NOFOs). In the past, the NIH has used both Grants.gov and the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts site. This change, intended to streamline the application and funding process, has been in the works for some time.

Additionally, NIH director Jay Bhattacharya, MD, PhD, recently issued two statements providing more information about the agency's approach to funding scientific research. The first, [Advancing NIH's Mission Through a Unified Strategy](#), outlines the agency's research priorities, which are intended to balance "scientific opportunity with mission-critical objectives" and "to fund the most meritorious science, address urgent health needs, and sustain a robust biomedical research workforce." The second statement, [NIH Publishes Plan to Drive Gold Standard Science](#), links to the agency's new plan for promoting "gold standard science across all agency activities."

We encourage you to review and familiarize yourself with these updates.

Sincerely,

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