

ALL-BIO Office Hours COVID-19 Response

March 30 –
April 2, 2020



Welcome to the BIO Virtual
Office Hour.
We will begin soon.

Please submit questions via the
Q&A button available to you on
ZOOM. Please set to “Send
anonymously”

Directorate of Biological Sciences (BIO)

Virtual Office Hour – Welcome!

Program Directors in attendance March 30

- Matt Olson – Division of Environmental Biology (matolson@nsf.gov)
- Simon Malcomber – Division of Environmental Biology (smalcom@nsf.gov)
- Diana Pilson – Division of Environmental Biology (dpilson@nsf.gov)
- Anne Sylvester – Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (ASYLVEST@nsf.gov)
- Patrick Abbot – Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (dabbot@nsf.gov)
- David Rockcliffe – Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (drockcli@nsf.gov)
- Steve Ellis – Division of Biological Infrastructure (stellis@nsf.gov)

Facilitators – Christina Washington, Bill Lawson, and Megan Lewis



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Program Directors in attendance March 31

- Jean Gao – Division of Biological Infrastructure (jgao@nsf.gov)
- Betsy von Holle – Division of Environmental Biology (mvonholl@nsf.gov)
- Elizabeth Blood – Division of Environmental Biology (eblood@nsf.gov)
- Michelle Elekonich – Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (melekoni@nsf.gov)
- Evan Balaban – Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (ebalaban@nsf.gov)
- Diane Jofuku Okamuro – Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (dokamuro@nsf.gov)
- Marica Newcomer – Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (mnewcome@nsf.gov)

Facilitators – Jennifer Visosky and Nancy Arce



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Program Directors in attendance April 1

- Manju Hingorani – Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (mhingora@nsf.gov)
- Steve DiFazio – Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (sdifazio@nsf.gov)
- Theresa Good – Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (tgood@nsf.gov)
- Kendra McLauchlan – Division of Environmental Biology (kmclauch@nsf.gov)
- Doug Levey – Division of Environmental Biology (dlevey@nsf.gov)
- Jodie Jawor – Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (jjawor@nsf.gov)
- Steve Ellis – Division of Biological Infrastructure (stellis@nsf.gov)

Facilitators – Lourdes Holloway and Bridget Johnson



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Program Directors in attendance April 2

- Karen Cone – Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (kcone@nsf.gov)
- Ford Ballantyne – Division of Environmental Biology (fballant@nsf.gov)
- Sam Scheiner – Division of Environmental Biology (sscheine@nsf.gov)
- Colin Saldanha – Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (csaldanh@nsf.gov)
- Michael Mishkind – Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (mmishkin@nsf.gov)
- Pat Soranno – Division of Biological Infrastructure (psoranno@nsf.gov)
- Sally O'Connor – Division of Biological Infrastructure (soconnor@nsf.gov)
- Steve Ellis – Division of Biological Infrastructure (stellis@nsf.gov)

Facilitators – Hannah Perry



BIO Directorate Special Virtual Office Hour

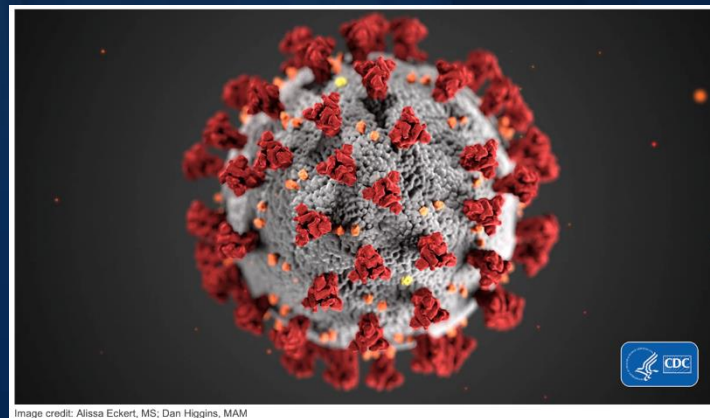
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Today: COVID-19 situation

- Brief Discussion of Guidance
- Question and Answer Period as well as time for comments



It is a challenging time

- Sudden transition to 100% online teaching
- Lab closures
- Travel restrictions
- Cancelled conferences
- Impediments to training and education
- Time spent in COVID-related campus-wide planning
- Uncertainty about summer plans
- Family care responsibilities



At NSF, we are open for business (virtually)

- BIO program staff are on duty and available to the community
- BIO core programs have no deadlines and we welcome your proposal submissions at any point in the coming weeks and months
- We are currently continuing with virtual panels for merit review
- For solicitations with deadlines, many of these have been extended



Coronavirus Information

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Guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- [US Government Response to Coronavirus, COVID-19](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidance](#)
- [Department of State \(DOS\) travel information](#)

NSF Community Guidance

- [Important Notice No. 146 - NSF Letter to Community Regarding COVID-19](#)
- [NSF Implementation of OMB Memorandum M-20-17](#)
- [Impact on Existing Deadline Dates](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) About the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) for NSF Proposers and Awardees](#)
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- [NSF Guidance for Major Facilities and Contracts Regarding COVID-19](#)

Research on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- [Dear Colleague Letter on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) — RAPID](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) regarding the NSF Dear Colleague Letter on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) \(NSF 20-052\)](#)
- [Dear Colleague Letter: Provisioning Advanced Cyberinfrastructure to Further Research on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) — RAPID](#)
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Call for RAPID proposals

- NSF 20-052: Dear Colleague Letter on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- “Proposals to conduct non-medical, non-clinical-care research that can be used immediately to explore how to model and understand the spread of COVID-19, to inform and educate about the science of virus transmission and prevention, and to encourage the development of processes and actions to address this global challenge”
- RAPID proposals may be for up to \$200K and up to one year in duration
- Email inquiry first to rapid-covid19@nsf.gov



Current awardees: Additional flexibility in spending

1. We are committed to providing the greatest available flexibilities to support your health and safety as well as your work.
2. Many details are available in a memo from March 23, 2020
 1. Search “NSF OMB Implementation”
 2. Link is https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/covid19/covid19_nsf_ombimplementation.pdf
3. Flexibility in spending for salaries, reporting, charging cancelled travel, procurement requirements, closeout, etc.
4. Document, document, document! Institutions will need to maintain appropriate records and cost documentation.



Current awardees: No-Cost Extensions

1. NSF gives all awardee organizations the authority to extend an award for one year of no-cost extension without needing to seek NSF approval (Grantee-Approved NCE). Submit request at least 10 days prior to award expiration date.
2. A second NCE can be requested by the organization's grants officer via [Research.gov](https://www.research.gov) prior to the end date of the grant (NSF-Approved NCE).



Current awardees: short and long-term planning

1. Login to Research.gov

- Check your report due dates
- Check your project end dates
- Find your managing Program Officer for each grant



2. Think about your project(s) and your goals

- Check your grant balances, make plans as best you can for the next few months
- If you see a need for supplemental funding to accomplish the original proposal goals, please contact your Program Officer



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Questions, Comments or Concerns

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