

UCLA Family Medicine Research Unit Newsletter

October 2025

Federal Government Shutdown – Research Operations Update

As of October 1, 2025, the federal government has entered a shutdown. The impact on research operations will vary depending on the length of the shutdown and guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget and individual federal agencies. At this time, federally funded projects that are already active may continue.

If a stop-work notice is received, please contact Laura Sheehan immediately. It is important to note that expenses incurred during a stop-work period are not reimbursable until written authorization to resume work is received.

Federal agencies are expected to pause the issuance of new awards, amendments, and other administrative actions during the shutdown. Proposal preparation systems are anticipated to remain accessible, and investigators may continue to prepare and submit proposals; however, proposals will not be reviewed or processed until agency operations resume.

Principal Investigators should continue to meet all deadlines outlined in their awards. Annual and final project reports are still required and should be submitted as scheduled. While federal submission systems are expected to remain available, agency staff may be unable to provide support or approvals during the shutdown.

Peer review panels and study section meetings are not expected to convene, potentially delaying funding decisions and project start dates for proposals currently awaiting review if the shutdown continues for an extended period.

We will continue to monitor updates from federal agencies and communicate additional information as it becomes available. Thank you for your patience during this period of uncertainty. [More Info](#)

Required Training for Key Personnel

In accordance with provisions of the CHIPS and Science Act, federal agencies are implementing research security training requirements for Key Personnel (KP) on federally-funded awards. Details were included in Laura's Oct 9 email. KP must complete this training prior to submitting any JIT, RPPR, or Other Support pages. We recommend taking the UCOP-developed "Research Security Training" (~ 40 minutes) via [CITI](#), which satisfies both the Research Security and the Other Support training requirement. Email your certificate to Felicia Winningham once completed.

Community Engagement

On Sept 20, 2025 the DOFM partnered with Pediatrics in the first of three LAUSD community health fairs at Gardena Senior High School. With support from CBAM's mobile health unit, more than 150 students received required sports physicals, helping remove barriers to school participation and access to care—especially for families affected by current immigration challenges.

A heartfelt thank you to our Family Medicine volunteers whose service made this event possible: Drs. Amanda Tran, Annie Hernandez, Jack Chen, and staff volunteers Jennifer Baughman, Lindsay Herman, and Jay Chahal. Your dedication to community health is making a real impact—well done!

Volunteers are still needed for upcoming LAUSD health fairs—sign up [here](#).



Effort Report System (ERS) Being Replaced

The Employee Compensation System (ECC) is replacing ERS for periods April 2025 and beyond. All existing Effort Reports (prior to March 31, 2025) will remain in ERS. The goal of this new system is to reduce the administrative burden for both faculty and administrative staff while staying in compliance with [Uniform Guidance](#). PI training will be announced later this month (required if you have federal funding). Instead of certifying at the individual person level (like ERS), ECC will generate reports by project. ECC will also only require certification twice a year (October and April), instead of quarterly.

DOFM Seed Grant Award Recipients

The Department of Family Medicine is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2025 DOFM Seed Grant Awards. Thank you to all who submitted proposals and contributed innovative ideas to advance research, education, and community health. We also extend our appreciation to the review committee for their thoughtful evaluation process, Felicia Winningham for her administrative assistance, and Laura Sheehan for her leadership in coordinating this successful initiative. Please join us in congratulating this year's awardees.

Michael Li

Identifying needs, barriers, and successful strategies for advancing sexual minority men and transgender women along the HIV prevention and care continua: Implications for family medicine's role in ending the HIV epidemic

Amanda Tran (mentors: Anita Wong and Melissa Gee)

Increasing Fluoride Varnish Application Rates at a Community Clinic

Anita Wong

Improving Resident Satisfaction with Formative Feedback Through the Use of the myTIPreport App in the UCLA Family Medicine Residency

Common Forms Implementation - NIH

NIH's adoption of the Common Forms (originally scheduled for May 25, 2025) will likely go into effect in 2026. Please see [prior Research Unit presentations](#) for details on what this entails.

You can view a [preview](#) of the draft common forms in [ScienCV](#), but until otherwise instructed, please continue to use NIH-specific format pages for [Biosketches](#) and [Other Support Pages](#).



Federal Research Funding Update

Following a federal court order in September, the government has restored nearly all NIH research grants to UCLA, reversing the broad funding freeze imposed in July. Most projects have resumed, but some labs are still recovering from earlier disruptions, including paused studies, delayed timelines, and staffing challenges.

While funding has been reinstated, compliance reviews and administrative follow-up are still underway, and investigators may experience delays as awards are fully reactivated. The litigation surrounding the federal funding suspension remains ongoing, and future developments are still possible.



Supplies at Oppenheimer

As we prepare for our move from Oppenheimer onto campus, please take a look at the office supplies in our supply room and in the cubicle area. If your team or other offices could utilize these supplies, please feel free to take them.