

Memorandum

To: All Faculty and Staff subscribed to the ERA listserv
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Vice President for Research
Subject: Enhanced Support for COVID-19 Research Efforts
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Dear Colleagues,

Temple University strongly encourages investigators with knowledge, expertise, and capabilities to pursue funding connected to the study and response to COVID-19. In order to assist investigators involved in COVID-19 research, please notify your Associate Dean for Research or administrative equivalent and Michele Masucci (michele.masucci@temple.edu) or Allison Philabaum Shah (allison.shah@temple.edu) once the funding opportunity is identified.

The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) is enhancing services as follows for COVID-19 research:

Research Funding Opportunities

OPVR will establish and update as appropriate a resource page entitled: **New Opportunities for COVID-19 Research Funding** here: <https://research.temple.edu/ovpr-updates/covid-19>

Proposals

Grant and Contract Specialists will be available to immediately review proposals related to COVID-19. In addition to the typical roles and responsibilities related to proposal submission, pre-award resources can be available to assist researchers and business administrators with the following:

- Budget development
- Completion of sponsor required forms
- Gathering of resources available in university systems, such as current and pending funding

Contracts

OVPR will expedite its review and processing of COVID19-related research contracts, including material transfer, data use, and funding agreements.

Protocols

Review of COVID-19 protocols will be expedited. Please notify the appropriate office as protocols are developed so they can be prioritized.

- IACUC protocols: iacuc@temple.edu
- IRB protocols: irb@temple.edu
- IBC protocols: ibc@temple.edu

Banner FOAPAL Requests

Many funding agencies are allowing pre-award spending. If you anticipate funding of a COVID-19 project, please complete the [Advance FOAPAL Request Form](#) and post-award will expedite the establishment of a fund.

Current updates from Temple's Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) website can be found [here](#) and continued research operations updates can be found [here](#).
