

COVID-19 Panel

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- Audience Q&A

COVID-19 Webinar Series

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- 4 [Impacts of COVID-19 on Salary and Effort Management](#)

PANEL QUESTION

Has the Office of Management and Budget Flexibility (M-20-26) been extended?

No, the flexibilities that allowed recipients to charge salaries and benefits to active federal awards consistently with the Universities policies from all funding sources and without prior approval expired on September 30, 2020.

PANEL QUESTION

What does this mean for grants that previously provided the flexibilities offered in M-20-26 prior to them expiring?

Nothing changes for costs that were charged prior to September 30, 2020. If salary and benefits will continue to be charged to the grant after September 30, 2020 then a prior approval request should be submitted to the sponsor. For additional guidance on the prior approval process please work with your Sponsored Projects Specialist.

PANEL QUESTION

Can we continue to use our standard PAR form for these Prior approval requests?

Yes, please continue to use the standard PAR form that is available on our website. The justification provided for the request can include details related to COVID-19 and the impact on the project. You can also reference the Universities pandemic policy that allows for the Paid Administrative Leave for employees consistently paid across all funding sources:
<https://unc.policystat.com/policy/7824105/latest/>

PANEL QUESTION

What should we do if a PI is still not back on campus but are able to do their research remotely?

If a PI is able to meet their sponsor requirements and complete the scope of work while working remotely then no prior approval request should be required. If they have a reduction in effort as a result of COVID-19 then your first step should be to reach out to the Sponsored Project Specialist assigned to the project. Each project is unique and next steps are dependent on the terms and conditions of the award.

PANEL QUESTIONS

What do we do if our project is no longer impacted by COVID-19? How do we report to our sponsors?

It Depends! If you receive a request to provide information on how your project was impacted then you should respond to the inquiry. OSR has a template letter available on our website and is available to assist:

<https://research.unc.edu/2020/06/16/covid-19-impacts-and-federal-progress-report-submissions/>

If a sponsor has not made a specific request for this information then be sure to include any impact to your project in the next required Progress Report. Please be sure to remind your faculty of this and reference the website above for additional guidance.

PANEL QUESTIONS

Where do I go if I have questions about how to manage a project impacted by COVID-19?

COVID-19 RESOURCES

OSR COVID-19 Guidance Webpage

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COVID-19 GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES

The University continues to work on contingency plans as operations change to manage the impact of COVID-19 on our research efforts. The Office of Sponsored Research (OSR) remains committed to ensuring that our obligations to support and contribute to the research operations and at the University are met. Below, please find guidance, resources and FAQs concerning impacts of COVID-19 relevant for the research community. Any questions for immediate assistance may also be directed to ResAdminOSR@unc.edu.

[Key Campus Messages and Guidance](#)[Sponsor Guidance and External Resources](#)[COVID-19 Related FAQs](#)[Training](#)

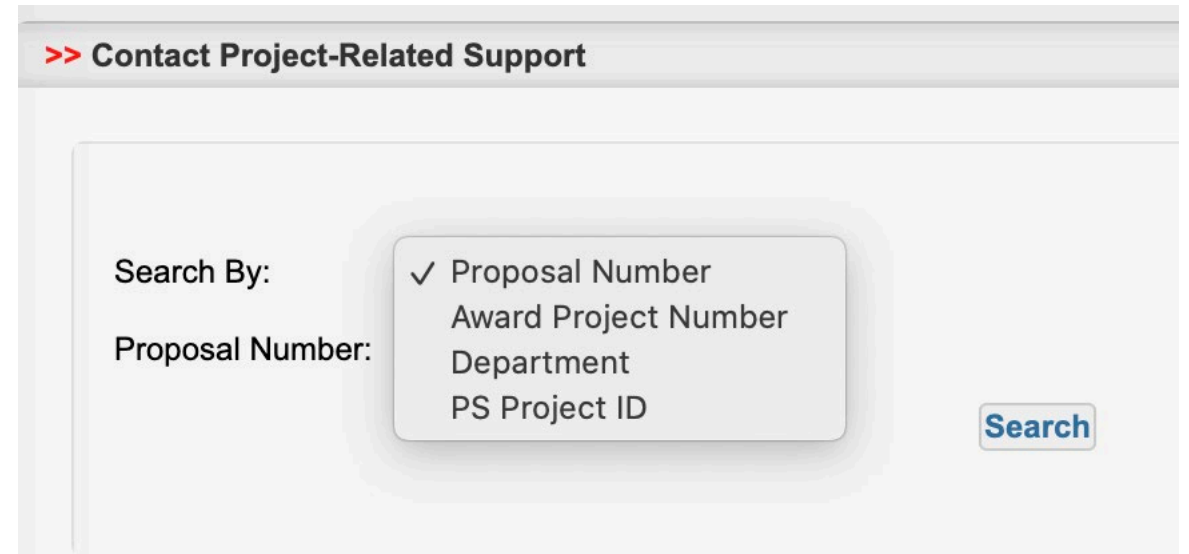
<https://research.unc.edu/sponsored-research/resources/covid-19/>

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Reach out to your Sponsored Projects Specialist.

RAMSeS Help: Contact Project-Related Support

- Use this tool if you need to find the appropriate SPS
- Search: Proposal #, Award#, Dept, or PS Project ID



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