

MEMORANDUM

TO: All UNM HSC Faculty

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RE: **CTSA Program: COVID-19 Information & Resources (NIH Late Application Policy, Extramural Research Info & Video, and NIH COVID-19 Grant)**

The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (UNMHSC) continues to closely monitor the outbreak of coronavirus COVID-19. This monitoring includes sending updates from NIH and other entities as those updates are received and they are applicable to HSC Faculty.

NIH continues to publish guidance updates, including a new Notice that addresses late applications. These are accessible through the Extramural Nexus site (<https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/>) that is responding to Frequently Asked Questions on Flexibilities Related to NIH Funding and COVID-19.

- **NIH Late Application Policy Due to Public Health Emergency COVID-19**
 - NIH understands that the emergency declaration related to novel coronavirus (COVID-19) will adversely affect many NIH applicants' ability to submit applications in a timely manner. NIH will be highly accommodating of late applications submitted through May 1, 2020. We anticipate, but cannot guarantee, that all late applications submitted by that date will be reviewed in the council round to which they were submitted (e.g. August or October 2020).
 - **Therefore, all grant applications submitted late for due dates between March 9, 2020, and May 1, 2020, will be accepted through May 1, 2020.** This notice applies to all relevant funding opportunity announcements, including those that indicate no late applications will be accepted. Institutions need not request advance permission to submit late due to this declared emergency and a cover letter providing a justification is not required.
 - **To access the full announcement for additional details, please use this link:** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-091.html>

- **NIH Office of Extramural Research Info & Video:**
<https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2020/03/26/responding-to-frequent-questions-on-flexibilities-related-to-nih-funding-and-covid-19/>
- **NIH COVID-19 Grant Info:**
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/natural_disasters/corona-virus.htm. There are numerous funding opportunities specific to COVID-19 listed on the site along with additional information.
 - If you are interested in applying for any of the grants, please email Dr. Richard Larson (RLarson@salud.unm.edu) with that information.

Please note that the University of New Mexico also has a webpage that is updated frequently if you have specific questions regarding the University's response to the ongoing situation. The link to the page is <http://www.unm.edu/coronavirus>.

The Health Sciences Center Office of Research website contains information on specific research-related updates (including the Research Continuity Guidelines for both [Laboratories & Research Facilities](#) and [Clinical Trial Research Faculty & Staff](#)) and can be accessed through the following link: <https://hsc.unm.edu/research/>.

To ensure that you have the most current information, the recommendation is that information is not printed out and that websites are accessed routinely and, as needed, to obtain updated, real-time information.