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This is the second in our series of back-to-school emails keeping you up to date on all things federal research funding. In this episode, we focus on notices coming out of the federal government through the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

- **New Policy:** A new [United States Government \(USG\) Policy for Stopping High-Risk Life Sciences Research](#) has been issued, which includes an explicit prohibition on some gain-of-function research. Two broad categories of life sciences are identified:
 - “Dangerous gain-of-function” (DGOF) research. Research with a biological agent that seeks, achieves, or has a substantial risk of achieving one or more of the outcomes listed in the policy and could result in significant negative societal consequences.
 - International research of concern (IROC). Research conducted in a country of concern or outside of the U.S. by individuals or institutions of concern; or research that could reasonably pose a threat to public health, public safety, and economic or national security conducted in a country with inadequate oversight.
- All research activities identified as “potentially dangerous” gain-of-function research per [NOT-OD-25-127](#) and [NOT-OD-25-112](#) remain paused until NIH specific implementation requirements are established. Agencies have 120 days to implement and publish implementation guidance, and 90 days to establish a single independent third-party review body.
- **NIH requests for information** regarding:
 - [Measuring and rewarding scientific impact](#)
 - [NIH-wide challenge and opportunity ideas for the NIH Common Fund](#)
 - [National Plan to End Parkinson’s](#)

Whew! We have one more message in this series, which will wrap up more from the federal funding landscape and UNM’s engagement with stakeholders.

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