

## Shutdown FAQs

### **1. What is the impact on federally-funded research projects?**

No new grants or contracts are usually awarded during a shutdown. Researchers can likely submit proposals, but they will not be reviewed until the government is operational again. A shutdown can also have negative impact on our research partnerships and collaborations with federal agencies.

Work may continue on most federally-funded projects that have already been awarded. Routine administrative and support services provided by federal agencies to grant and contract recipients likely will not be available. Awarded projects may be disrupted during a shutdown if they are housed in a federal facility, if the project includes federal personnel, and/or if an award includes restrictive terms and conditions that require administrative action to approve a drawdown of funds

Federal agency staff likely will not be available to approve no-cost extension requests, grant transfers, re-budgeting approvals or other actions requiring agency approval.

### **2. What if I am expecting a project funded by a closed agency to start or end?**

New awards are likely to be delayed, so be very cautious about spending funds before you receive an official award document. If you are closing an award during the federal shutdown, please consult Cassie Saint-Louis ([cstlouis@brandeis.edu](mailto:cstlouis@brandeis.edu)) and Paul O'Keefe ([pokeefe@brandeis.edu](mailto:pokeefe@brandeis.edu)) for guidance.

### **3. What is the impact on federal financial aid?**

The partial shutdown will not impact federal financial aid programs supported by the Department of Education as Congress approved FY2019 appropriations for these programs.

### **4. What is the impact on veterans' education benefits and services?**

The partial shutdown will not impact veterans' education benefits and services as Congress approved FY2019 appropriations for these programs.

### **5. What is the impact on immigration services?**

Because these activities are funded by fees, most of these services are expected to remain operational during a shutdown. For additional information, view the DHS shutdown plan (<https://www.dhs.gov/publication/lapse-funding-dhs>).

## **6. What is the impact on international students?**

If you have questions or concerns about how the shutdown affects you as an international student, please contact the Brandeis International Students and Scholars Office (<https://www.brandeis.edu/isso/scholar/index.html>) or call 781-736-3480.

## **7. What is the impact on students who are interning with federal agencies? How will this affect internship credits earned?**

Students who have an internship with a federal agency should contact their supervisor to determine how their work is affected by the shutdown. Students should also contact their internship coordinator at Brandeis to determine any effects on credits being earned.