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PI meeting: Spring 2026
Office of Research & Sponsored Programs



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A new resource to help you connect with ORSP

Key Updates

ORSP Website Renovation

Redesigned around the award lifecycle (Pre- → Post-Award)

Clearer guidance with fewer outdated forms

New content: CSUBuy, Research Security, Faculty Compensation, Monthly Update

Check out <https://www.csueastbay.edu/orsp/index.html>



Federal Science Funding

Award releases remain slow; delays are getting national attention

Higher ed has largely prevailed in legal challenges (including F&A caps)

Proposed cuts to science funding likely to face resistance in Congress

Track developments via AAAS R&D Budget & Policy Program:

<https://www.aaas.org/programs/r-d-budget-and-policy>



SB 895 – CA Science & Health Research Bond

Proposed \$23B state bond to fund research and infrastructure

Supports grants, facilities, and statewide innovation capacity

Advancing in legislature (cleared key Senate committee; targeting 2026 ballot)

Co-authored by State Senator Aisha Wahab (our district)

Read more: <https://newuniversity.org/2026/04/20/bond-sponsored-by-uc-passes-natural-resources-and-water-committee/>



HR Hiring Constraints (Grant-Funded Positions)

Grant-funded positions are capped at 3 years because they are considered temporary; under the APC agreement, roles convert to permanent after 4 years, which grant-funded positions cannot do

HR communicates through MPPs as the official hiring authorities in the CSU system; recruitment decisions and formal communication must flow through the MPP



Research Development

Pre-Award

Research Security — Federal Requirements

Federal agencies are implementing new research security requirements focused on transparency in funding, affiliations, and outside activities

Required: Research Security training must be completed prior to proposal submission to any federal agency

Training & Resources:

<https://www.secure-center.org/ctm>

<https://www.secure-center.org/rsb2-6?anchor=federal-news-updates>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_OSvbIAAwM



Proposal Submission & Authority

All proposals must be routed through ORSP prior to submission — ORSP is the only office with delegated authority to submit on behalf of CSUEB and the East Bay Foundation

Only authorized officials may sign proposals and awards — PIs do not have signature authority

Non-governmental proposals may require coordination with Development; submissions outside ORSP risk sponsor rejection or non-recognition



Post-Award

CSUBuy Updates

PIs should obtain CSUBuy access to authorize grant spending and ensure a complete approval record

Need access? Contact Mike

ORSP is working with Procurement to refine roles/routing; updated guidance (including e-gift cards for non-student human subject incentives) coming soon



Student Summer Employment (Non-Financial Aid)

Giddy up — submit requests early for student summer employment

Students may not begin work until all hiring paperwork is complete and they have signed in with Payroll (SA 2600)

Guidance: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/orsp/policies-resources-guidance/grant-student-assistant-hiring/index.html>



Faculty Compensation on Grants

Reassigned Time (Fall 2026): Coordinate early with your department and college leadership

Additional Employment (May): Early submission this Friday due to HR system timing

Summer Additional Employment: Coordinate with your post-award analyst before semester end

Guidance: <https://www.csueastbay.edu/orsp/policies-resources-guidance/faculty-compensation-grants/index.html>



Open Discussion

Open to questions, feedback, and discussions



Thank You!

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