



Guidance to the Stevens Community on Federal Policy Changes

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Recent Executive Orders and federal policy changes have prompted a number of questions from faculty, staff and students concerning grants, financial aid and daily operations. As we analyze and assess the impacts of these federal directives on our university community, we remain steadfast in our mission as a premier, student-centric technological research university.

Today, we launch a new resource — [Federal Policy Updates and Guidance](#) — to provide current information about federal actions that may affect our students, faculty or staff. This centralized resource includes:

- A summary of executive orders and other federal directives affecting higher education
- Frequently asked questions focused on Stevens-specific implications
- Recent communications to the Stevens community on these matters

This website will be updated as new information and guidance become available. Our cross-university team who is regularly reviewing new federal updates will aim to stay abreast of current developments and provide guidance as quickly as possible. I encourage you to bookmark this resource, check it frequently for updates and be mindful that this is a dynamic situation.

One important development we are monitoring is the Feb. 7 National Institutes of Health (NIH) Grants Policy Statement reducing indirect cost rates for NIH-sponsored research to 15%. This directive was subsequently paused by the issuance of a temporary restraining order by a Massachusetts federal judge. The resolution of this matter — which may take months — could have significant impacts on the budgets of organizations, including Stevens, that perform NIH and, possibly, other federally-funded research.

As we evaluate and process these developments, we must remember the principles that guide us in our work and our service to our students and our scholarly mission. Stevens values and benefits from a diverse community of students, scholars and staff. We are steered by our core principles of *Excellence in All We Do* and a commitment to compliance, equal opportunity and ethical conduct. These principles are foundational to who we are and who we aspire to be as a community.

We will continue to provide updates and guidance through this resource as we navigate these changes together.

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