

Stop-Gap Funding Program

Purpose and Scope

This document outlines the Stop-Gap Funding Program for the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). NJIT is committed to supporting faculty and lecturers whose external research funding has been terminated due to actions of the current federal administration beginning on January 20, 2025. Stop-Gap funding is intended to be temporary and will be allocated subject to the availability of funding.

Procedures and Guidelines

Eligibility

Applicants for Stop-Gap funding must be full-time, tenure-track or tenured faculty members or full-time lecturers. Please note that the priority for allocating limited funding will be given to pre-tenure faculty. Continuation of commitments of support to students will be especially prioritized.

Eligible faculty must:

- Have had their external research funding terminated by an agency because of changes to federal priorities and policies.
- Have exhausted other sources of funding including but not limited to startup funding, internal seed grant programs such as CRISP, ICR return accounts, and other college and department sources.
- Be actively seeking new external funding to continue the research project or program.

Application Requirements

Applications must be submitted to the Office of the Provost (office.of.the.provost@njit.edu) with a copy to Kathleen O'Neill (ko86@njit.edu) and must include:

- A narrative (maximum two pages) describing past and pending awards and explaining why sustained research activity during the Stop-Gap period is critical. The narrative should include details on terminated funding and a description of the implications of the termination. Additionally, the narrative should address plans for seeking funding to ensure the long-term continuation of their research program beyond the period of Stop-Gap funding.
- A copy of the termination letter/email or stop-work order for the impacted project.

- A current NSF format biosketch and OTHER Support pages listing active, pending, and completed external funding over the past three years.
- Letters of support, as appropriate, including from the Dean, Department Chair, School Director, Institute Director, or Center Director indicating any commitment to matching funds and indicating that all other potential sources of funding have been exhausted.
- A detailed prioritized budget and justification clearly indicating how requested support will sustain the project, continue student support, and maintain the research environment during the period covered by stop-gap funding.

Funding Parameters

Faculty may request up to \$100,000 in direct costs per investigator for one year. Salary support for Principal Investigators (PIs) will not be considered.

Funds may be used for:

- Student support.
- Covering essential personnel costs.
- Maintenance of critical research infrastructure, specimens, samples, or other at-risk resources.
- Time-sensitive data collection activities (e.g., animal colony upkeep, environmental condition-sensitive research).
- Equipment repair and maintenance. Note that new equipment purchases will not be considered.
- Sustaining research collaborations awaiting new funding sources.
- Continuation of research to obtain results for preparing competitive research proposals for other current or near-term funding opportunities.

Review and Policy Amendments

This policy is effective as of May 5, 2025 and will remain in effect until further notice. The Stop-Gap Funding Program is subject to periodic review and may be amended or revoked based on evolving institutional priorities and funding availability.

By adopting this policy, NJIT reaffirms its commitment to supporting the research activities of its faculty and lecturers and sustaining the university's research excellence.