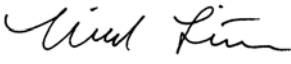




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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UO RESEARCH COMMUNITY

FROM: Richard W. Linton 

RE: Federal Economic Stimulus Package

As you know, President Barack Obama recently signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) into law. The \$787 billion stimulus bill allocates \$21.5 billion for federal research and development, to be invested within two years, focused on agencies such as NSF, NIH, and DoE. Additional money has been allocated to other areas such as green energy and transportation projects that will offer potential funding opportunities to scholars and researchers.

Our major funding agencies, most notably NIH and NSF, will be receiving substantial funding increases for the next two years. NIH and NSF are indicating that a major priority is to increase the success rate of proposal acceptance. Agency officials have said that they will be re-reviewing recently reviewed proposals that were judged to have high scientific merit but not awarded previously due to lack of sufficient funds. It is likely that these grants will be made for two year periods which may significantly accelerate the deliverable timelines and require proposal revisions. Expanded opportunities for supplements to existing grants are also under consideration, as well as enhancements to grant programs that support major equipment and the renovation or construction of academic research facilities. Researchers should stay in touch with their program officers and frequently visit relevant agency/program websites for updated information.

I also wanted to provide a brief update on the federal FY09 and FY10 budgets. The FY09 Omnibus Bill is moving through Congress and appears to be quite favorable to scientific research support, as does the President's initial budget proposal for FY10 just released. Combined with the ARRA, the short-term outlook for federal support of university R&D is considerably brighter than in recent years. I will appreciate every effort from our faculty to fill the proposal pipelines with UO-based requests, and am optimistic those endeavors will bring significant returns despite the intense national competition for grant funding.

Please use our newly created page off my office's website, <http://research.uoregon.edu> to track updates and opportunities as they are announced. I welcome you to contact us (x62090) if you have additional information you think we should share with your colleagues on this site.

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