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January 2021 Federal Update – Research/Higher Education Funding and Policy Developments



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The Big Picture

- One-Party Control with Slim Governing Margins
- Intra-party Divisions on the Left and Right
- FY21 Appropriations Concludes with Small Increases to Research and Student Aid
- Four Major Phases of COVID-19 Relief Approved with More to Come
 - Significant Support Provided for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)
 - COVID-19 Related Research
- Recovery Act-type Legislation to be Proposed
- FY22 Appropriations Process on the Hill to Start in February/March
- Rollback of Trump Administration Executive Orders
- Relevant Appointments



COVID-19 Emergency Financial Relief

- Phases I-III: \$2.88T
- Phase IV: \$908B
 - \$81.9B for Education Stabilization Fund
 - \$54.3B for Elementary and Secondary School Relief Fund
 - \$22.7B for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
 - \$4.05B for Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund
 - \$1.25B for COVID-related research at NIH
 - \$4.25B for SAMHSA for COVID-related mental health services
- Phase V: \$1.9T (Biden)
 - \$35B for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
 - Reimbursement for COVID-19 Related Leave Costs to State and Local Entities
 - Specific Research Support is Not Certain



Infrastructure and Economic Recovery

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Model
 - \$21B for Ready-to-go Research Projects and Training Programs
 - Student Financial Aid
- Build Back Better Recovery Plan
 - Infrastructure
 - Manufacturing
 - Research and Development
 - Innovation
 - Clean Energy



FY21 Appropriations Recap

- **Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019**
 - 1% (\$10B) FY21 Increase Over FY20
- **FY21 Cuts Proposed by the Trump Administration**
- **Overall Federal R&D Increased by 0.9% (\$1.4B)**
 - Federal Basic and Applied Research Increased 3.9%
 - Reductions to Development (-1.3%) and R&D Facilities Accounts (20.6%)
- **Significant Increases for AI and QIS at NSF and DOE, as well as Alzheimer's disease, health disparities and BRAIN Initiative research at NIH**



FY21 Appropriations Recap – Cont’d

Agency/Office/Program	FY21 Pres. Request % Change from FY20	FY21 Final % Change from FY20
<i>Dollars in thousands, except Pell Grant maximum award</i>		
Department of Defense* , RDT&E	1.72	2.6
DOD, 6.1 Basic Research	-10.91	2.6
DOD, 6.2 Applied Research	-11.18	6.2
DOD, 6.3 Advanced Technology Development	-4.36	4.8
DOD, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency	3.12	1.2

Agency/Office/Program	FY21 Pres. Request % Change from FY20	FY21 Final % Change from FY20
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Department of Education , Pell Grant	0	0
DOEd., Pell Grant Maximum	0	2.4
DOEd., Work Study	-57.63	0.8
DOEd., Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants	-100	1.7
DOEd., Institute of Education Science (IES)	-9.32	3.0
DOEd., IES Regional Educational Laboratories	-100	1.8



FY21 Appropriations Recap – Cont’d

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Department of Energy, Office of Science	-17.14	0.4
DOE, Advanced Research Projects Agency Energy	-94.78	0.5
Department of State, Fulbright-Hays Program	-55.5	0.7
Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Science	-32.3	1.8
National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Science	-11.67	2.3
National Endowment for the Humanities	-79.42	3.2

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National Institutes of Health	-7.95	3.0
National Institute of Standards and Technology	-28.62	0
NIST Industrial Technology Services, Manufacturing Extension Partnership and Manufacturing USA	-96.58	2.8
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Oceanic and Atmospheric Research	-40.33	4.0
National Science Foundation	-7.0	2.5
NSF Midscale Research Infrastructure	0	17.31



FY22 Appropriations

- **Considerations**
 - Expiration of the Budget Control Act Caps on Spending
 - COVID-19 Impacts on Priorities
 - Congressionally Directed Appropriations (Earmarks)
 - \$400B Investment in QIS, AI and Biotechnology
- **Process**
 - February 2021 President's Budget Request Released
 - Advocacy Groups Provide Recommendations to Congress
 - Florida Delegation Briefings
 - First Draft Spending Bills in Early Summer
 - Conclusion in Fall/Winter



First Biden Executive Actions

- Repeal of Travel Ban on Select Muslim Majority Countries
- Restoration of Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals Protections
- Extension of Moratorium on Federal Student Aid Payments until Sep. 30, 2021
- Repeal of Prohibition on “Divisive Concepts” Diversity Training by Federal Grantees and Contractors



Biden Admin. & 117th Congress

- COVID-19
- Biden Administration Higher Education and Research Priorities
 - Biomedical Research
 - Clean Energy Technologies
 - Environmental Justice
 - Pell Grant Increase
 - Student Loan Forgiveness
 - Immigration Reform
- 117th Congress Higher Education and Research Priorities
 - Higher Education Act Reauthorization
 - Endless Frontiers Act
 - Compensation of Athletes for Use of Their Name, Image and Likeness
 - Combating Foreign Threats to Research
 - Combatting Sexual Harassment in Research



Engaging FL Delegation & Appointees

- FL Member Relevant Committee Assignments
 - Rubio: Small Business*, Labor-HHS-Education and Science Appropriations, Aging, Foreign Relations
 - Scott: Homeland Security, Armed Services, Science
 - Dunn: Veterans Health*, Agriculture
 - Lawson: Financial Services, Agriculture
 - Crist: Defense Appropriations
 - Gaetz: Armed Services
 - Waltz: Armed Services
 - Demings: Homeland Security
 - Rutherford: Homeland Security Appropriations
 - Castor: Climate*
- Federal Agency Personnel Directory
 - Program Officer Contacts
- Contacts to Express Personal Views
- Contacts Made Using FSU Position in Support of Funding or Policy Position
 - Utilize FSU Federal Relations Resources



Select Federal Relations Services

- Congressional Interaction Facilitation
 - Hill/District/Virtual Meetings
 - Campus Visits
 - Lobbying Disclosure Compliance
- Strategy Development with Florida and National Advocacy Groups
 - SUS Campuses
 - APLU
 - Agency Specific Groups
- Tailored Campus Department/Center Briefings
 - Focus on Federal Agencies of Interest
- Federal Agency Engagement
 - Program Officers
 - Campus Visits
- Fielding Campus Questions on Federal Policy Matters



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