



## FASEB Urges Congress and President to End the Government Shutdown

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The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), a coalition of 22 biological and biomedical societies representing 110,000 individual scientists, encourages Congress and the president to reach an immediate agreement to end the government shutdown. FASEB also urges Congress to approve a short-term “continuing resolution” (CR) to temporarily fund federal agencies while negotiations continue on the unfinished fiscal year (FY) 2026 appropriations bills.

The longer the shutdown persists, the more devastating the impact on the nation’s scientific enterprise. Research supported by federal agencies, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), and others will stall, limiting progress towards efforts to improve the health and wellness for all Americans. For example:

- New clinical trials benefiting patients with cancer and chronic illnesses will not be able to begin
- Staff from NSF, NIH, and other science agencies cannot answer questions from current or prospective grantees, issue new grants or funding opportunities, or review pending applications
- Labs waiting for new funding from NIH and NSF may be forced to close if they have no other source of support
- Graduate students seeking their next opportunity may face unemployment as labs pause hiring until their funding situation is stabilized; and
- Recently submitted grant applications will flounder until the government re-opens and agencies can resume peer review activities

The disruption caused by the government shutdown follows months of unprecedented uncertainty for the research community that has been subject to arbitrary grant terminations, backlogs in releasing federal funding, and the cancellation of advisory council meetings.

FASEB issued an [e-action alert](#) urging the American public to contact their members of Congress and the president to tell our nation’s leaders to re-open the government before any additional damage is done to the nation’s ability to ensure the future of the scientific research enterprise and protect scientific integrity. Advocates are also strongly encouraged to broadly share the FASEB e-action alert with their networks and on social media after contacting Congress.