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COGR's Web Page on Institutional and Agency Responses to COVID-19 and Additional Resources (Including COGR's FAQs)

*****Institutional policy links and COVID19 questions can be sent to COVID19@cogr.edu.***

4/23/20: Harvard And Other Universities Turn Down Relief Funds Amid Swell Of Criticism (NPR) *"Like most colleges and universities, Harvard has been allocated funds as part of the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund," the school's administration [said in a statement](#), referring to the emergency relief package allocated by Congress [last month](#). "Harvard did not apply for this support, nor has it requested, received or accessed these funds." However, the money Harvard had been set to receive was not coming from the PPP, as Trump suggested at his briefing. Rather, it was coming from another channel set up by the congressional package, the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, which has been tasked with allocating roughly [\\$14 billion](#) of the \$2 trillion package to institutions of higher education. <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/04/23/842454705/harvard-and-other-universities-turn-down-relief-funds-amid-swell-of-criticism> See also: **Congress promised coronavirus relief money. Stanford, Harvard, Princeton and Yale are turning it down.***

(Washington

Post) <https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2020/04/22/congress-promised-coronavirus-relief-money-stanford-harvard-princeton-are-turning-it-down/>

4/23/20: The coronavirus crisis shows the risks of scientific collaboration with China (Washington Post, Opinion) *Since [my column last week](#) revealing safety*

concerns regarding the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV), some Western scientists have come to the defense of the lab and its scientists. Their perspectives are important, but many of them seem to overlook a crucial point: that all scientific research in China must ultimately subordinate itself to the dictates of the Chinese Communist Party. https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/the-coronavirus-crisis-shows-the-risks-of-scientific-collaboration-with-china/2020/04/23/4ccd5850-85a8-11ea-878a-86477a724bdb_story.html

4/23/20: Bayh-Dole and the Coronavirus Crisis (Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, Webinar) ITIF and the [Bayh-Dole 40 Coalition](#) hosted a video webinar delving into the critical role that partnerships between industry, academia, and federal labs will play in combating COVID-19, how these partnerships work, what risks they entail, why patents and licenses are so important in overcoming the risks inherent in developing drugs and vaccines, and how the Bayh-Dole Act enables the process for the benefit of people in the United States and around the world. <https://itif.org/events/2020/04/23/bayh-dole-and-coronavirus-crisis> See also: **Sharing IP Rights in the Fight Against COVID-19 (National Law Review)** <https://www.natlawreview.com/article/sharing-ip-rights-fight-against-covid-19> See also: **Pandemic Seen as Threshold for Lower Drug Prices, Patent Sharing (Bloomberg Law)** <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/pharma-and-life-sciences/pandemic-seen-as-threshold-for-lower-drug-prices-patent-sharing-1?context=search&index=6>

4/23/20: Donald Kennedy, who led Science through turbulent times, dies at 88 (Science) Kennedy, who died on 21 April of COVID-19 at age 88, relished his role as a scientist, educator, public servant, and communicator served as editor-in-chief of Science and at Stanford University, including 12 years as its president, interrupted by a 2-year stint as head of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration under former President Jimmy Carter. <https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/04/donald-kennedy-who-led-science-through-turbulent-times-dies-88#>

4/23/20: On The Trail: Trump's demands for loyalty extend to scientists (The Hill) The Trump administration's decision to sideline one of the government's top vaccine specialists at the height of a global coronavirus pandemic has shocked scientists and science advocates who say the president is placing a greater value on loyalty to himself than on the facts and data that could save

lives. <https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/494420-on-the-trail-trumps-demands-for-loyalty-extend-to-scientists>

4/22/20: NIFA Invests in Rapid Response Research on COVID-19 Impacts on Agriculture (NIFA Press Release) *USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) seeks applications to fund research for COVID-19 on American agriculture. Applications are due June 4, 2020. , NIFA also set a deadline of May 21, 2020, for COVID-19 research proposals from all other areas in the wide-ranging AFRI request for applications (RFA). NIFA also re-opened its [Small Business Innovation Research](#) RFA to search for COVID-19 solutions from small businesses. <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/press-release/rapid-response-covid-19>*

4/21/20: No Room of One's Own (Inside Higher Ed) *Early journal submission data suggest COVID-19 is tanking women's research productivity. It was easy to foresee: within academe, female professors would bear the professional brunt of social distancing during COVID-19, in the form of decreased research productivity. Now the evidence is starting to emerge. Editors of two journals say that they're observing unusual, gendered patterns in submissions. In each case, women are losing out. <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/04/21/early-journal-submission-data-suggest-covid-19-tanking-womens-research-productivity>*

4/20/20: Authors Series: a conversation with Lisa Mosley and David Ngo (Federal News Network) *The Business of Government Radio Hour, hosted by Michael J. Keegan, features a conversation with a federal executive who is changing the way government does business. The executives discuss their careers and the management challenges facing their organizations. Guests include administrators, chief financial officers, chief information officers, chief operating officers, commissioners, controllers, directors, and undersecretaries. <https://federalnewsnetwork.com/business-of-government-hour/2020/04/authors-series-a-conversation-with-lisa-mosley-and-david-ngo/>*