

UCSD Dean's Readiness Checklist – Responding to Federal Executive Challenges; *as of June 13, 2025*

Federal Funding Risk & Scenario Planning

- ☐ Inventory all major federal grants (NIH, NSF, DoD, DOE)
- ☐ Assess reliance on federal funding by % of total research portfolio
- ☐ Model the impact of moving to a 15% IDC rate on federal research funds and identify affected programs, staffing, or commitments. Use the OCGA tableau to create “what if” scenarios. See link below.
- ☐ Create a tiered response plan for low, medium, and high-risk scenarios
- ☐ Carefully consider IDC rate before submitting a grant
- ☐ Engage fund managers to flag federal programs with capped or restricted IDC
- ☐ Develop mitigation options if IDC recovery is reduced
- ☐ Develop mitigation options if NSF and other agency's awards are cut by 30%, 40%, 50%
- ☐ Monitor all ODs and ask department to report on risk. Cover all ODs by FY end.
- ☐ Assign someone to get research updates from VCRI office weekly

Support for International Scholars & Students

- ☐ Know the impact of visa disruptions on your operations
- ☐ Consider whether Winter Start may be helpful for your international students
- ☐ Plan to offer more 2026 Summer Session courses to mitigate academic impact
- ☐ Ensure that someone from the school attends meetings/updates from ISEO

Communication & Leadership Coordination

- ☐ Hold departments leadership meetings to assess federal risks and readiness
- ☐ Use talking points from University Communications to tell faculty, staff, and students how UCSD is preparing and advocating
- ☐ Incorporate risk planning into school's strategic documents and retreat agendas
- ☐ Ensure that someone from the school attends meetings/updates from VCRI and ISEO to get all updates

Resources:

- VCRI email address
- OCGA dashboard
 - <https://tableau.ucsd.edu/#/views/FederalFundingImpact/FederalFundingAwardObligationsImpactAnalysisTool?:iid=2>
- Controller's dashboard. IN TESTING. Should be available at the end of June.