

RFCUNY BROWN BAG RESEARCH WEBINARS - ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026

1) September 10, 2025 (12 noon - 1:30pm)

Navigating the Current Federal Research Funding Landscape

Overview: The Federal grant funding landscape has undergone significant changes, creating uncertainty for many researchers and academic institutions. The recent Executive Orders (EOs) signed over the last 8 months have directed agencies to implement sweeping changes to how federal discretionary funding is managed. We have estimated that there are more than 40 EOs that directly affect academia and many of these directives are being challenged in court. The recent changes have led to increased scrutiny of federal grants, terminations of existing grant programs, and on again/off again terminations and stop-work orders on existing and new awards. This webinar will elaborate how these Presidential directives and policy shifts have affected academia and specifically CUNY. We will discuss the latest developments on proposed changes in indirect costs and how the academic community has responded to these proposed changes. Since the FY2026 Federal budget has not been fully resolved we will provide the latest status of this budget as Congress is reviewing it. This situation has understandably caused concern among grant recipients and applicants. However, it's important to note that while challenges exist, federal funding has not disappeared entirely. Agencies are working to interpret and implement new guidance, and some funding streams are beginning to resume. While this situation may seem daunting, it's crucial to remember that there are alternative funding sources available to continue your important work. We will also provide you with advice and guidance in this webinar, and on what to do if your grant or funding program is eliminated.

Audience: All CUNY faculty

Presenters: Welcoming remarks by Rosemarie Wesson, CUNY Associate Vice Chancellor and University Vice Provost for Research, John Tsapogas, Director of Award Pre-Proposal Support (APPS) RFCUNY, and Kondomar Herrera, Project Manager, President's Office, RFCUNY

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2186314449623922773>

Webinar ID: 823-936-451

2) September 26, 2025 (10:30am - 12:15pm) @ RFCUNY, 230 West 41st St., 10th Floor

Conference on Horizon Europe Grant Opportunities

Horizon Europe is the EU's main funding program for research and innovation, running from 2021 to 2027 with a budget of over €95.5 billion. Its primary purpose is to strengthen the EU's scientific and technological base, boost its innovation capacity, and address global challenges like climate change and sustainable development. It's designed to be a driver of excellence, collaboration, and impact. There are direct benefits for CUNY researchers such as 1) Funding: Access to substantial, long-term funding for projects and career development; 2) Collaboration: Opportunities to form international consortia and work with top researchers and institutions across Europe and beyond; 3) Impact: A framework that encourages you to think about the broader societal and economic impact of your research, which is increasingly important for securing funding and demonstrating the value of your work; and 4) Talent and Mobility: Provides mechanisms to attract top doctoral and postdoctoral researchers to your institution and offers your own researchers opportunities to gain international experience.

Audience: CUNY Grant Seekers

Presenters: John Tsapogas, Director of Award Pre-Proposal Support (APPS) RFCUNY; Florent Bernard, Counsellor for Research and Innovation, Delegation of the European Union to the United States; and Deborah Balk, Director of the CUNY Institute for Demographic Research

For in-person attendance, registration required: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJ33NR5>

For virtual attendance, join via URL link: <https://cuny.zoom.us/j/87519442022>

3) October 1, 2025 (12 noon – 1pm)

Guidance for New and Junior CUNY Faculty: Funding Your Research – How to Get Started

Overview: New and junior faculty represent a significant investment by their university, and their future success will influence the future success of their institutions. In many disciplines, the ability to win external research funding is key to academic success, yet many new faculty have had little or no instruction on how to find and compete for grants. Join us to learn more.

Audience: New and Junior CUNY Faculty

Presenter: John Tsapogas, Director of Award Pre-Proposal Support (APPS) RFCUNY

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8152131501029342815>

Webinar ID: 272-668-195

4) October 29, 2025 (12 noon – 1pm)

Pursuing Funding for Large Multi-Disciplinary Proposals

Overview: This webinar will discuss the best practices for developing large, multi-disciplinary proposals. How to gather multi-disciplinary teams, develop a vision and schedule, and writing the proposal. Particular challenges include developing education and outreach components, assessment and evaluation, and finally integrating research from very different disciplines.

Audience: CUNY Grant Seekers

Presenter: John Tsapogas, Director of Award Pre-Proposal Support (APPS) RFCUNY

Registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2956349721555383902>

Webinar ID: 715-429-043

5) December 10, 2025 (10am-3:30pm) / In-person

CUNY and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Forum on Artificial Intelligence

Location: Martin E. Segal Centre, CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, NYC

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a transformative technology that requires global interdisciplinary cooperation to ensure ethical development and societal benefit. This forum, hosted by the Research Foundation of CUNY (RFCUNY) and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), is designed to establish a strategic dialogue between leading Japanese and American researchers on key AI challenges. The forum is structured for maximal interaction, featuring presentations from senior CUNY and JSPS officials, and includes CUNY and Japanese faculty with expertise in AI. These groups will be discussing JSPS programs and sharing research interests that can translate into projects suitable for joint US-Japan funding mechanisms. The President of the CUNY Graduate Center will be the keynote presenter who will present on Empire AI, a New York State public-private partnership establishing New York's global leadership in this field making AI research easily accessible to academic and public interest researchers.

Registration Required (limited seating): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/12-10-2025CUNY-JSPSFORUMonAI>

6) January 14, 2026 (12 noon – 1:30pm)

GrantForward Training for CUNY Grant Seekers

Overview: GrantForward is a service available to all CUNY faculty/student/staff to access an extensive database of funding opportunities across all disciplines from sponsors worldwide. This webinar is organized to help CUNY regular users maximize GrantForward's potential to find best-fit funding opportunities.

Audience: All CUNY Grant Seekers / **Presenter:** Kevin Chang, GrantForward President

Registration: <https://forms.gle/k18Q1rG9tGDdDBtf6>

Join via URL link: <https://zoom.us/j/89231029804?pwd=YU5xSzNTQVVMGd0YINjc3MzNFdKUT09>

Agenda: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Lx9efyWv1_8QzUPjigf6IOADPwEVGOdB/view?usp=sharing

7) January 21, 2026 (12 noon – 1pm)

Pivot-RP Training for CUNY Grant Seekers

Overview: Pivot-RP is an online tool that helps regular users connect with global and local research opportunities. This webinar is suitable for those seeking a Pivot-RP refresher and/or new faculty interested in learning about Pivot-RP. Access, Researcher Profiles, and Funding Database Navigation will be reviewed.

Audience: All CUNY Faculty

Presenter: Andrew Bell, Customer Success Manager, Clarivate

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8) February 4, 2026 (12 noon – 1:30pm)

GrantForward Training for CUNY Grant Administrators

Overview: GrantForward is not only a funding discovery but also a grant dissemination service for CUNY grants officers and other designated administrators. The webinar will focus on administrative functions and privileges to leverage the funding opportunities on your individual campuses.

Audience: All CUNY Grant Administrators / **Presenter:** Kevin Chang, GrantForward President

Registration: <https://forms.gle/o8KCjRtJP6Bdue328>

Join via URL link: <https://zoom.us/j/8864950918?pwd=MG02MEt4ekNSNW9ZbHpiUUNNbEtvZz09>

Agenda: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bfw5clVRf9CxBVQv9F6oFaJ0Bn1Mr0gM/view?usp=sharing>

9) February 11, 2026 (12 noon – 1pm)

Pivot-RP Training for CUNY Grant Administrators

Overview: Pivot-RP is an online tool that helps users connect with global and local research opportunities. As Designated Administrators on your campus, not only do you have access to basic features, but also to specific administrative functions and privileges as well. Learn how to utilize these additional features to leverage the funding opportunities on your individual campuses.

Audience: All CUNY Grants Officers and other Designated Administrators

Presenter: Andrew Bell, Customer Success Manager, Clarivate

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