

FORECASTING FEDERAL PRIORITIES

UNDERSTANDING THE FY26 PRESIDENTS BUDGET REQUEST

- Represents the first step in the federal budget process (expected mid-May)
- This is a political “wish list” – can be ignored by Congress
- Provides insight into **administrative priorities** and areas that may face cuts or growth
- Specific figures are proposed and may not be implemented

PROPOSED CUTS AND REALLOCATIONS

HHS↓

- ~30% cut to HHS
- ~40% cut to NIH
- Elimination of some NIH institutes/centers
 - Consolidation of NIH institutes

NSF↓

- ~50% cut

DOD↑

- Nominal increase

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- Despite potential cuts, federal R&D funding will remain in the billions
- There will be continued support for priority research areas
- Anticipated priority areas include:

Topic	Focus
Artificial Intelligence	Encouraging AI innovation across agencies
Critical and Emerging Technology	Quantum information science; Nuclear technology
"Make America Healthy Again"	Disorders originating in childhood, including autism and obesity
Economy	American Manufacturing; Emphasis on public-private partnerships
National Security	Strengthening domestic supply chains; Advanced manufacturing
Space and Defense Technology	Defense-related technological development
Innovation	Translating research into real-world impact

RSD SUPPORT FOR FACULTY

PURPOSE

- Sourcing strategic funding for USC research & innovation
- Concierge support for USC faculty pursuing extramural funding
- Multimillion dollar, interdisciplinary proposals are the focus
- Non-dilutive, SBIR/STTR funding is a new focus

SERVICES

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| - Funding opportunity alerts |
| - Junior faculty outreach |
| - Personalized strategy sessions |
| - Faculty collaborations |
| - Research analytics |
| - Proposal development support |
| - Innovation support |

RSD SUPPORT FOR FACULTY – NEW SERVICES

- RSD is evolving our suite of support services in response to evolving changes
- New developments include:
 - **Tool to review all components of proposal documents and flag terms that may signal potential conflicts with executive orders**
 - By automating the process, we can review documents in a fraction of the time required for manual analysis
 - Staff are available to modify and re-frame language accordingly
 - **Writing support for required proposal components that have historically included language now scrutinized under executive orders**

RSD IS PIVOTING TOO!

- The funding landscape is evolving – and so are we!
- **Get in touch - we are here to help faculty navigate change with personalized, team-based support**
- RSD provides personalized services based on research interests and goals
- We can connect you with other OORI efforts!
 - OORI supports multiple efforts related to both research and innovation

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