

Federal Government Shutdown

Dear Campus Community,

As its authority to spend money expired at midnight last Friday, the federal government has shut down.

The last federal shutdown occurred in October 2013 and lasted 16 days. As in the past, the effect of the current shutdown, if it is short in duration, should be minimal for higher education institutions in general and the University of Kentucky in particular.

Federal funding for approved student aid is generally already in place and should not be impacted by the shutdown. Any student concerned about the status of their federal aid should contact the University of Kentucky Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships <<https://www.uky.edu/financialaid/contactus>>. We will work with you to ensure you are able to continue to be enrolled in your courses without interruption.

Necessary funds for ongoing federal research also should be in place, and no patient services will be disrupted.

However, many federal websites and other online resources are in jeopardy of going dark, as they will not be maintained.

Of course, the longer the shutdown continues, the more daunting the situation can become.

I will continue to keep you informed of the situation, especially if the shutdown threatens to disrupt our campus. In the meantime, remember that the most important way to respond to challenges such as this is for each of us to continue to do our jobs as we always have – with determination, professionalism, and an appreciation for the difference we make, every day, in the lives of others.

Thank you for all you do and for your commitment to UK.

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President