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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO  
PRESIDENTS OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES  
AND HEADS OF OTHER NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION  
GRANTEE ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: Hurricane Harvey**

The National Science Foundation and its staff are deeply concerned for the people and institutions in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath.

Those of you in the impact area who are served by NSF can be assured that you have our support. We are taking immediate steps to provide assistance to current and potential awardees who are directly affected, and we are prepared to be as flexible, accommodating, and creative as possible in addressing your needs. We understand that the health and safety of you and your loved ones are your top priority, and will work to ensure that proposal submission and other administrative deadlines are extended in order allow you to focus on more immediate concerns.

NSF will do everything possible to ensure continuity of the research and education projects that we support, and we also will provide frequent updates – on our website and by e-mail to investigators and their institutions – concerning procedures to achieve that goal.

In the short term, NSF will extend the end dates of existing awards to institutions in the disaster area for awards that are scheduled to expire before October 1, 2017. That being said, it is vital that each investigator contact his or her Program Officer as soon as feasible to discuss how each NSF-supported project has been impacted. This is a necessary step in any further action that NSF may take with respect to funding. Program Officers stand ready to hear from you and support your needs.

We also have established an email address – [Harvey@nsf.gov](mailto:Harvey@nsf.gov) – for inquiries by institutions, faculty and students on NSF awards for issues related to Hurricane Harvey.

The Foundation will be posting updated information regarding specific, timely, and, relevant research assistance opportunities on this webpage of [NSF.gov](http://NSF.gov). We encourage you to visit the site regularly.

Again, our thoughts are with all of those affected by Harvey.

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