

Inordinately High Grant Balances

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Dear Howard University Faculty and Staff,

For the past number of years Howard University has generated sponsored program new and continuing awards totaling between \$53 and \$58 million. One of the major challenges we face is the imbalance between sponsored program grant awards received and the rate at which awards are expended or spent down.

Given this challenge, the Associate Deans for Research/Academic Affairs and Financial Administrators in each College/School in partnership with the Office of Research and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer will be communicating with all Principal Investigators who hold high grant balances on awards in the effort to assist with the development of a plan for spending down these balances as expeditiously as possible.

The Office of Research and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer fully recognize that there may be a number of reasons why these inordinately high grant balances may exist. Therefore, an additional purpose of meeting with Principal Investigators is to explicate these reasons to ensure that said balances do not reoccur and spend rates going forward are proportionate to the terms of the award.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Excellence in Truth and Service,

Anthony K. Wutoh, Ph.D., R.Ph.
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