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To: [REDACTED] - BBSRC UKRI; [REDACTED] - BBSRC UKRI; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: EEID updates
Date: 28 February 2025 16:23:26

Dear all,

Thank you for your time today. I would appreciate if you can share the requests/type of questions you received from the media. Our communications office would like to get a better understanding of the type of questions we need to address to facilitate a response.

With respect to PI questions, our communication colleagues suggested we direct PIs to the link below. I pasted below some of the common questions and responses.

At this moment, NSF is posting updates and guidance on this site <https://new.nsf.gov/executive-orders>. NSF will be updating this page with additional information. Please feel free to submit your questions to [this webform](#).

Have the NSF merit review criteria changed? No, NSF continues to apply the statutorily required Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts review criteria, as well as any solicitation-specific review criteria.

I submitted a proposal recently. When can I expect it to be reviewed? Proposal processing and review activities have resumed and are ongoing.

Are there any modifications to the review process as a result of the executive orders? As per the agency's normal practice, program directors manage the review process. Panelists are expected to focus their discussions on evaluating the merit of the proposals under consideration. The review criteria remain consistent. Guidance on reviews and panel summaries has not changed. Program directors do not comment on activities outside of the purview of the panel. The reviews and panel summaries are advisory to NSF. As has always been the practice at NSF, we will consider this advisory material in conjunction with agency-wide guidance and applicable federal standards when making funding decisions.

I was supposed to be on a panel recently and it was postponed. When will it be rescheduled? NSF is rescheduling, as appropriate, virtual, hybrid and in-person proposal review panels that were previously postponed.

Will funding opportunities that have been recently archived become available again? If so, when? The community will be notified through normal channels as funding opportunities are made available.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] - BBSRC UKRI [REDACTED]@bbsrc.ukri.org>
Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 3:54 AM
To: EEID General <eeid@nsf.gov>, [REDACTED] - BBSRC UKRI

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] - RE: EEID updates

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Dear [REDACTED]

Hope you are doing well. A meeting would be great.

I can do

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: EEID General <eeid@nsf.gov>

Sent: 26 February 2025 16:51

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Subject: EEID updates

Dear all,

Thank you for your emails and your patience, we are still adjusting to the layoffs and changes in workload. It will be great if we can have a short meeting that I can give you an update on the review status and potential next steps. Hopefully, I got the time zones right, here some available times, let me know if any of these work for you and I can send a zoom invite.

My available times (ET):

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thanks!
[REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED] - BBSRC UKRI; [REDACTED] - BBSRC UKRI; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: EEID updates
Date: 27 February 2025 14:20:56

Thank you everyone. I sent an invite for tomorrow at 10am ET. I can adjust the time; my calendar tomorrow is quite open.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] - BBSRC UKRI [REDACTED]@BBSRC.ukri.org>
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Good Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for the update and meeting with us.

[REDACTED] are available to meet. I will join if I can.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: EEID General <eeid@nsf.gov>

From: [EEID General](#)
To: [REDACTED] - BBSRC UKRI; [REDACTED] - BBSRC UKRI
Subject: Re: EEID panels have been cancelled
Date: 19 February 2025 18:24:31

Thank you, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. DEB was highly impacted by the layoffs yesterday including members of our EEID team. It may be a bit before I can provide an update. We appreciate your support.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] - BBSRC UKRI [REDACTED]@BBSRC.ukri.org>
Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:27 AM
To: EEID General <eeid@nsf.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED] - BBSRC UKRI [REDACTED]@bbsrc.ukri.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] - RE: EEID panels have been cancelled

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for letting us know. Sending our best to you and everyone in NSF.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: EEID General <eeid@nsf.gov>
Sent: 18 February 2025 23:12
To: EEID General <eeid@nsf.gov>
Subject: EEID panels have been cancelled
Importance: High

Dear EEID panelists and Agency colleagues,

As you may have seen in the news, NSF released a large number of employees from Federal service today. With regret, we are cancelling the EEID panels this week due to the impact of these NSF-wide layoffs. I am sending my deepest and sincere apologies to all of you; I know we all have worked very hard on this panel. We want to further assure you that the effort you have already put in to reviewing these projects is not lost; it will be incredibly influential in our ability to move forward any of these projects for support. Indeed, if you have reviewed a project but not yet uploaded your review, we would still greatly value that input. Your feedback and work up to this point will not only contribute to funding decisions but, of course, will also be invaluable to the project PIs.

We are also sending our support to all our dedicated friends and colleagues across US agencies who lost their jobs or their close colleagues last week and today.

We will be in touch with you with more details as soon as we know them. NSF will continue to provide updates on this site: [NSF Implementation of Recent Executive Orders | NSF - National Science Foundation](#). There are some new details/ FAQs posted within the last 24 hours. Please monitor this site for relevant updates.

Thank you for all your work for science, your students, agencies, and the scientific community.

Best Regards,
[REDACTED], on behalf of the EEID Team

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Subject: EEID Panel Doc and zoom links
Date: 17 February 2025 12:00:57
Attachments: [1_EEID Panel 1 Agenda P251339.pdf](#)
[2_EEID 2025 Panel 1 Discussion Order Final.pdf](#)
[3_EEID 2025 Panelist List.pdf](#)
[1_EEID Panel 2 Agenda \(P251585\).pdf](#)
[2_EEID 2025 Panel 2 Discussion Order Final.pdf](#)

Dear colleagues,
We are scheduled to start panel at 8am ET on Feb 19, 2025 (Panel days Feb 19-21).
Please find as attachments the EEID panel docs:

1. Agendas for panel 1 (Panel 1 - ID P251339) and panel 2 (Panel 2 – ID P251585):
2. Discussion orders for panel 1 and 2
3. Panelist list

Zoom Links:

Panel 1 - ID P251339 - Zoom Link: [redacted]
[redacted]

Panel 2 – ID P251585 – Zoom Link: [redacted]
[redacted]

Best Regards,
[redacted]



From: EEID General <eeid@nsf.gov>
Date: Monday, 3 February 2025 at 22:03
To: EEID General <eeid@nsf.gov>
Subject: EEID panel update-now virtual

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Dear EEID Panelist,

Thank you again for serving on the EEID panel. As you may know, NSF has paused merit review panels through February 10 to allow the agency time to develop guidance and ensure compliance with recent Executive Orders. NSF is sharing all updates with the community here: [NSF Implementation of Recent Executive Orders | NSF - National Science Foundation](#)).

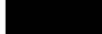
As of right now, the EEID panel is still scheduled for **February 19 – 21, 2025**. Given the uncertain situation, we feel it is prudent to **shift to a fully virtual panel** in case the meeting needs to be rescheduled on short notice. If we receive guidance to reschedule the EEID panel, we will let you know right away.

Please cancel your hotel and flight reservations. To cancel your flight please contact CI Travel, the travel management contractor for NSF, at 

In the meantime, please continue to work on your reviews as noted in the assignments and in the PES system. Additional details about how to review an EEID proposal were attached in the reviewer instructions with your assignments, but please feel free to reach out if you have questions.

Thank you so much for your dedication to the EEID program and your work thus far in the merit review process. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we navigate this changing situation.

If you have questions, please let us know.
Best Regards,




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Subject: EEID update-panel now virtual
Date: 03 February 2025 22:01:41
Importance: High

Dear EEID Partners,

Hope you are doing well,

As of now, the NSF has paused all panel meetings scheduled prior to February 10. We expect further guidance at the end of this week concerning panels later in the month. While we are permitted to continue plans for our panel later in February, it seems prudent to shift to planning for a **fully virtual panel** to minimize the potential disruptions for panelists and partners who may be in a travel status if the panel may need to be rescheduled. We will be providing updates to our panelists as well.

Unfortunately, at this time, we're not able to add any information other than what NSF is communicating here: [NSF Implementation of Recent Executive Orders | NSF - National Science Foundation](#). There are some new details/ FAQs posted within the last 24 hours. Please monitor this site for relevant updates. Thanks so much for your patience and understanding.

Best Regards,

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