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COGR Survey Addresses DoD Requirements for Risk Mitigation Before Awards

According to the Council on Governmental Relations (COGR), agencies that are part of the Department of Defense (DoD) “are beginning to more regularly conduct risk reviews on fundamental research” funding applications. The agencies “are requiring specific risk mitigation steps prior to issuing an award, and COGR member institutions have reported that agencies are requesting a variety of risk mitigation measures that may require substantial time to complete,” the association said in a March 15 post on its website.

To better understand these requests for “risk mitigation plans and how they are being handled by institutions and DoD agencies,” COGR is conducting a survey. It hopes to gather responses from institutions that have received a DoD risk mitigation letter, as well as those that have not. The deadline for comments is April 5. “Individual responses will remain anonymous, and the results of the survey will be reported in aggregate and made available to COGR members and to the DoD Basic Science Office,” COGR said. “For institutions that have received a DoD risk mitigation letter, this survey is estimated to take 15-20 minutes to complete. For institutions that have not received a DoD risk mitigation letter, this survey is estimated to take 2-3 minutes to complete.”

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