

# Reopening US Research Universities: Facilities and Funding

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- Immediate needs
- Future implications
- Opportunity for resetting

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  - Support for previously peer-reviewed, funded programs and trainees
  - Rapid dispersal of funds with little administrative burden
  - No “funding cliff”, unlike new competitive grant mechanism
  - Funds widely distributed across all regions
  - “Excess” funds designated for related technology and infrastructure

# Implications for Research Labs and Research Programs

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- Information sharing and team building hubs
- New challenges for lab space and culture/coherence
- PhD programs: URM and international trainees; trans-STEM literacy
- Multi-agency funding for team-based transdisciplinary research
- Platform technologies – facilities and workforce

# Resetting US Commitment to Science, Research, Innovation

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- Sputnik moment: Confluence of COVID, racism reckoning, election
- Reset federal support *base* for science/tech research and education
- Address societal/security issues: health, food, energy, environment