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**EXPLANATION OF RESEARCH**

**Title of Study:** The Impact of Federal Funding Freezes on the Study of Public Affairs

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You are being invited to take part in a research study. Whether you take part is up to you.

The purpose of this research is to examine the impact of federal funding freezes on the study of public affairs in institutions of higher education across the United States. The findings highlight how funding instability affects curriculum development, faculty and staff workload, student access to resources, and institutional support and guidance. Further, it will examine the unique responses within the academic community including communication strategies, institutional patterns on funding authorizations, and institutional stop-gap measures to mitigate disruptions.

We are asking you to complete a survey online through the Qualtrics platform that consists of mostly multiple-choice questions and a few short-answer questions. The survey will take 20-30 minutes to complete. You will need an electronic device, such as cell phone, tablet, or computer to complete the survey. The survey will not collect any identifiable information.

The survey is meant to collect perspectives from research administrators or development professionals on the impact of federal funding freezes on teaching and research in institutions of higher education in the United States.

Only the research team members listed above will have access to this information, and the information will be kept in a UCF OneDrive folder which is password protected. All data will be erased five years after study closure.

You must be 18 years of age or older and currently work in research administration or as a development professional at an institution of higher education in the United States in order to be eligible to participate in this study. Administrators specifically supporting faculty and students in Public Affairs are preferred, but all are welcome to complete this survey.

**Study contact for questions about the study or to report a problem:** If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, *Dr. Kelly Stevens, Associate Professor, College of Community Innovation and Education at (407) 823-2243 or by email at [Kelly.stevens@ucf.edu](mailto:Kelly.stevens@ucf.edu).*

**IRB contact about your rights in this study or to report a complaint:** If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or have concerns about the conduct of this study, please contact Institutional Review Board (IRB), University of Central Florida, Office of Research, 12201 Research Parkway, Suite 501, Orlando, FL 32826-3246 or by telephone at (407) 823-2901, or email [irb@ucf.edu](mailto:irb@ucf.edu).