Launch of Keep Researching Platform

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The Office of Research has been rolling out a phased approach to support those interested in pivoting their research efforts to address new societal challenges due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Last week you received emails on the first two phases. First, we launched the COVID-19 seed funding program. There is strong interest in this program, and we are working with subject matter experts from across campus to evaluate these proposals and make decisions quickly. Next, we released a new survey tool to help capture information on existing COVID-19 research projects along with information on people offering research expertise or campus resources to support COVID-19 projects.

And today we are launching the third phase of this effort--a new web platform which can be found at KeepResearching.osu.edu. This website takes the information we have gathered from the survey tool and allows you to search for projects, expertise and resources and then connect directly with your peers. This information can be found under the “Research Hub.” It will be updated several times as a week as we receive new information and you will need to enter you Ohio State credentials to access this part of the website. In addition, we are collecting information on both internal and external funding that can support your COVID-19 research. Lastly, we have added a section on COVID-19 research news coming out of our colleges and units, so please check those articles out as you have time.

We will continue to evaluate these initiatives and make adjustments as necessary depending on the needs of our community. We are hopeful that you will find these tools and resources valuable and as always we welcome your feedback. Please email us if you have any questions or other suggestions at questions at research@osu.edu.