



To: NJ Institutions of Higher Education
From: NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education
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Subject: Recent Updates on Federal Actions & Litigation Impacting Higher Education

Updates from New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

June 9, 2025— Twenty-one attorneys general filed an amicus brief supporting Harvard University following the termination of federal funding to the University. The amicus brief argues that research universities are essential to state economies and funding freezes or cancellations would have numerous consequences. The amicus brief is available for review: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/amici-states-harvard-funding-amicus-brief/download>.

June 5, 2025— A judge has granted a preliminary injunction in the case, [filed by a coalition of 23 attorneys general including New Jersey](#), that challenges the dismantling of AmeriCorps. The injunction requires grants and projects in plaintiff states to be restored. View the injunction: https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.mdd.581470/gov.uscourts.mdd.581470.148.0_3.pdf

May 28, 2025— A coalition of 15 attorneys general, including New Jersey Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin joined a lawsuit challenging the Trump Administration's cut to National Science Foundation (NSF) programs, particularly projects focused on increasing participation of women, minorities, and people with disabilities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). For more information about the lawsuit and to see a copy of the complaint, view the press release: <https://www.njoag.gov/attorney-general-platkin-sues-trump-administration-to-protect-scientific-research-and-education-programs/>.

May 22, 2025— New Jersey Attorney General Platkin and a coalition of 20 other attorneys general won a preliminary injunction stopping the Trump Administration's attempt to dismantle the U.S. Department of Education and ordering the reinstatement of all employees who were fired. To learn more about the lawsuit and to see a copy of the order, visit: <https://www.njoag.gov/attorney-general-platkin-wins-court-order-stopping-dismantling-of-u-s-department-of-education/>.

For additional updates from the NJ OAG, visit: <https://www.njoag.gov/news/>.

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The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education is continuing to compile information about any institutions who are experiencing issues with frozen federal funding, canceled federal contracts, or other impacts due to federal action. Please submit a brief summary of issues to Stefani.Thachik@oshe.nj.gov if applicable to your institution. OSHE continues to collate updates and resources linked through our homepage: <https://nj.gov/highereducation/federalactions.shtml>.

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