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Dear SSURF Members & Friends,

We share the sentiment of distress at the destruction of Ukraine's scientific research infrastructure outlined in the recent letter sent out to colleagues by J. Stephen Binkley, Acting Director of the Office of Science of the U.S. Dept. of Energy.

Likewise we are heartened by the Office of Science's funding opportunity announcement aimed to provide currently-supported Dept. of Energy researchers with additional funds to host or collaborate with students and scientists from Ukraine impacted by the war.

The Office of Science's intention to coordinate across federal agencies to assist with travel and diplomatic logistics is also deserving of praise and could serve as an example for ongoing inter-agency partnerships. Most importantly, we applaud the vision to empower these students and scientists via such collaboration with the capacity to rebuild their scientific programs after their return to Ukraine.

The Society for Science at User Research Facilities is proud to highlight the crucial, brilliant research across America's User Facilities network, and we encourage our members to consider the options at their laboratories to create the partnerships to advance scientific discovery across the globe via this uncommon funding opportunity.

Sincerely,

Dan Powers, Executive Director  
Jason Benedict, Board Chair  
Society for Science at User Research Facilities Board of Directors

Additional information:

Supplemental requests can be submitted through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) in response to the currently available SC Open Call ([Continuation of Solicitation for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program](#)). Please contact [SC.DCL@science.doe.gov](mailto:SC.DCL@science.doe.gov) if you have questions or would like to participate but do not have connections to displaced students or scientists.

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**About SSURF:**

The Society for Science at User Research Facilities is a 501(c)3 non-profit with a mission is to provide a consolidated voice and be a unique resource for best practices and support to those who are engaged in research at one or more of our nation's federal research laboratory User Facilities. SSURF member research facilities are located throughout the U.S. and include laboratories of the Dept. of Energy, Dept. of Commerce and National Science Foundation-funded entities, with a combine network of more than 100,000 scientists & researchers ("users").

SSURF's primary efforts are:

- 1) Supporting federal User Facility communities and research networks by sharing best practices and facilitating professional development, and
- 2) Promoting public awareness about the benefits and significance of User Facility research.

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