NSF Issues Revised Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1)


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SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- Chapters I.G, How to Submit Proposals, II.C.1.d, Proposal Certifications and XI.A, Non-Discrimination Statutes and Regulations have been updated to implement Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-18-24, "Strategies to Reduce Grant Recipient Reporting Burden". Proposing organizations must submit government-wide representations and certifications in the System for Award Management (SAM). These certifications must be re-certified annually. NSF-specific proposal certifications must still be provided via the Authorized Organizational Representative function in NSF’s electronic systems. Prior exhibits in Chapter II on the Drug Free Workplace Certification, Debarment and Suspension, Lobbying and Nondiscrimination have been deleted. Reference to the Certification of Compliance/Civil Rights Certifications in Chapter XI.A.2 has been removed as Nondiscrimination Certifications will now be provided in SAM.

- Chapter II.C.2.f, Biographical Sketches, has been modified to require use of an NSF-approved format in submission of the biographical sketch. NSF will only accept PDFs that are generated through use of an NSF-approved format.

- Chapter II.C.2.h, Current and Pending Support, has been modified to require use of an NSF-approved format in submission of current and pending support information. NSF will only accept PDFs that are generated through use of an NSF-approved format.

- Chapter II.E.1 and 2, Rapid Response Research (RAPID) Proposal and EArly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER) Proposal, have been supplemented with language which clarifies how RAPID and EAGER proposals may not be used. A new requirement that email documentation from a cognizant NSF Program Officer approving submission of a RAPID or EAGER be uploaded to the proposal also has been added.

Webinar recording of the changes is available on the NSF website:
https://www.nsfpolicyoutreach.com/resources/2-20-pappg-webinar/

UPCOMING WEBINAR

You are invited to participate in the National Science Foundation (NSF) Electronic Research Administration (ERA) Forum Webinar on May 14, 2020 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM Eastern Time. To participate in this forum, please Register Now.

The topics for this Forum webinar will cover the new requirement beginning June 1, 2020, to use an NSF-approved format for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support sections of NSF proposals; the new Award Notice; and Research.gov Demo of Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposals from Multiple Organizations.

On April 1, 2020, NSF announced the availability of both NSF-approved formats for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support sections of NSF proposals. NSF conducted a Webinar to discuss
the policy and system implications for this new requirement. **As a reminder we encourage you to send questions ahead of the May 14, 2020 ERA Forum webinar to nsferaforum@nsf.gov**


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