



Old Dominion University Research Foundation

New NSF PAPPG effective for proposals submitted or due on or after January 30, 2023

Greetings Faculty and Researchers,

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has updated their Proposal and Award Policy & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) for 2023. A summary of significant changes may be found at <https://beta.nsf.gov/policies/pappg/23-1/summary-changes>. Changes are in effect for proposals due or submitted on/after January 30, 2023. We encourage you to read through these changes, but please note these key items:

1. **Fastlane will no longer be in use** with the exception of supplements and revisions for proposals that were first submitted in Fastlane. All other proposals will be submitted by our offices in Research.gov.
2. **Chapter II.B, NSF Disclosure Requirements**, incorporates a new section describing specific NSF disclosures, the sections of the PAPPG they apply to, and the consequences for violating these requirements.
3. **Chapter II.D.1.e, Certification Requirement for Senior Personnel Specified in the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021**, requires senior personnel to certify that the information provided in their Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support documents are accurate, current, and complete. *Since the proposal submission requires certification of this by research administrators, we require that you create your biosketch and current and pending documents in SciENcv. This will be required by the NSF in October 2023, but the necessary submission certification means that we will require this formatting starting January 30th.* A link to this system as well as FAQs may be found here: <https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/biosketch.jsp>
4. **Chapter II.D.2.h(ii), Current and Pending (Other) Support**, has been revised to increase standardization with the Common Form for Current and Pending (Other) Support that has been developed in compliance with NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance. This section also has been revised to require the use of SciENcv for the preparation of this document effective in October 2023. *As noted in item #2 above, the Research Foundation will require use of SciENcv starting January 30th.* Also, in accordance with NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance, NSF program officers will request updated Current and Pending (Other) Support prior to making a funding recommendation.
5. **Chapter II.E.9, Safe and Inclusive Working Environments for Off-Campus or Off-Site Research**, has been introduced requiring organizations to certify that a plan is in place for safe and inclusive research for any proposal that proposes to use off-campus research. The Proposal Transmittal Form (PTF) will be updated in the near future to capture this plan for all NSF proposals that include off-campus research. The PTF will prompt Principal Investigators to address the topics required in the new requirement, but we encourage you to review them to better understand them in anticipation of your upcoming submission and subsequent award.

In addition to these changes, we'd like to point out a few problematic proposal items that come up regularly:

- a. Project Narrative missing required sections:
 - i. A section titled "Broader Impacts" and a section titled "Results from Prior NSF Support" are required in NSF project narratives unless specifically noted otherwise on the solicitation.
 - ii. The Project Narrative may not include URLs or links of any kind.
- b. The References document must have full citations (e.g., do not use 'et al.' in this document).
- c. Collaborators and Other Affiliations (COA) forms include words instead of dates (e.g., "current" for your affiliation). Research.gov uploads this document into cells, and words in last column are not converted, showing a blank cell. The NSF has asked that you include a date there. We generally advise you to put the date of submission to show you are currently affiliated.
- d. Current and Pending:
 - i. The start and end dates of 'this proposal' often do not match across personnel on the project.
 - ii. Information noted in the Project Description under "Results from Prior NSF Support" does not match the same proposal information listed in Current and Pending section.
- e. Biosketch:
 - i. Too many products are listed (up to 5 closely related to this project and 5 others are allowed)
 - ii. Presentations are listed as products (unallowed by the NSF)
 - iii. Too many synergistic activities (only 5 are allowed)

Your Research Foundation Pre-Award staff is here to assist you in navigating these changes and potential errors. If you have any questions, please reach out to the administrator with whom you are assigned, or for general questions, preaward@odu.edu. As a reminder, as soon as you are planning any proposal, please send a request for assignment to preaward@odu.edu with the due date for an assignment to be made in accordance with the Old Dominion University Internal Deadline Policy (https://researchfoundation.odu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ProposalInternalDeadlinePolicy_12-16-19.pdf).