

2024 NSF Guidelines updates that affect submissions from May 20, 2024 and after

The National Science Foundation (NSF) released their [2024 Proposal and Award Policy & Procedures Guide \(PAPPG\)](#) earlier this year. The updated guidelines have a few significant updates we would like to highlight for you as the **changes are effective for proposals submitted or due on or after May 20, 2024**. For anyone with a fixed deadline prior, or submitting a proposal without a listed deadline prior to May 20th, the submission requirements remain under the [2023 PAPPG](#).

A summary of key changes is available from the NSF [here](#). Below are a few highlighted changes for submissions:

1. **Certification Regarding Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs:** To address Section 10632 of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. § 19232), the NSF will require Senior Personnel to certify on both their Current and Pending forms as well as Biographical Sketches that they are not part of a malign foreign talent recruitment program. SciENCv has been adjusted to allow personnel to certify this. Any Senior Personnel who *are* taking part in a malign foreign talent recruitment program will be ineligible to submit to the NSF.
2. **[Biographical Sketch](#):**
 1. Biographical sketches are still required to be created in SciENCv, certified, and saved in SciENCv format (not flattened or edited) with the malign foreign talent certification. This is the only format allowed for submissions; any other formatting will create an error in submission and stop the submission from moving forward.
 2. The NSF has removed the page limitation.
 3. Synergistic Activities are no longer part of the biographical sketches. This will be a separate upload in the Senior Personnel section (see below).
3. **[Current and Pending Support](#)** - still required to be created in SciENCv, certified, and saved in the SciENCv format (not flattened or edited) with the malign foreign talent certification. This is the only format allowed for submissions; any other formatting will create an error in submission and stop the submission from moving forward.
4. **[Synergistic Activities](#)** – this is now a separate upload for Senior Personnel; it has a maximum of one page that includes a list of up to five distinct examples demonstrating broader impacts of professional and scholarly activities.
5. **[Mentoring Plan](#)** – previously, the one-page mentoring plan was only required if any postdoctoral students were included in the project (by the lead, non-lead, or sub). As of the 2024 update, this plan, which is still limited to one-page, must also include information regarding graduate students planned in the project.

The NSF held a recorded webinar in April to cover these items, as well as how SciENCv will adjust your documents due to these changes. The recorded webinar and slides are available at <https://nspolicyoutreach.com/resources/nsf-implementation-of-the-common-forms-for-the-biographical-sketch-and-current-and-pending-other-support/>. Slides and a webinar covering the NSF Proposal and Award Policy & Procedure updates can be found here: <https://nspolicyoutreach.com/resources/nsf-proposal-award-policy-updates/>

For questions specific to any upcoming NSF submission, please contact the administrator assigned to your proposal. For planned proposals needing an assignment, please e-mail preaward@odu.edu with information regarding the solicitation and deadline date.