

New Effective Date

For the Revised NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (NSF 19-1)

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Dear Colleagues:

Due to the recent lapse in appropriations, implementation of the revised NSF [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide](#) (PAPPG), (NSF 19-1) was postponed. We are pleased to announce that the revised PAPPG will now be effective for **proposals submitted, or due, on or after February 25, 2019**. Significant changes include:

- Addition of Research.gov as an option for proposal preparation and submission, and proposal file updates;
- Revision of eligibility standards for unaffiliated individuals;
- Specification that conference proposals over \$50,000 and all equipment proposals must include the Collaborators and Other Affiliations information in the proposal submission;
- Revision of resubmission guidelines for NSF programs that accept proposals at any time;
- Implementation of NSF's policy on sexual harassment and other forms of harassment, or sexual assault;
- Specification that proposers are required to have a policy or code-of-conduct that addresses sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, and sexual assault, and that includes clear and accessible means of reporting violations of the policy or code-of-conduct. This policy or code-of-conduct must be disseminated to conference participants prior to attendance at the conference as well as made available at the conference itself;
- Emphasis on the importance of training faculty in the responsible and ethical conduct of research;
- Incorporation of existing patent policy into the PAPPG. This policy was previously implemented by regulation at 45 CFR 650; and
- Numerous clarifications and other changes throughout the document.

You are encouraged to review the by-chapter summary of changes provided in the Introduction section of the PAPPG.

To learn about the changes in the revised PAPPG (NSF 19-1), please view the latest [NSF Proposal & Award Policy Update webinar](#).

While this version of the PAPPG becomes effective on February 25, 2019, in the interim, the guidelines contained in the current PAPPG (NSF 18-1) continue to apply. We will ensure that the current version of the PAPPG remains on the NSF website, with a notation to proposers that specifies when the new PAPPG (including a link to the new Guide) will become effective.

Associated award terms and conditions (including [RTC NSF Agency Specific Requirements, GC-1, and FL-26](#)) will also be effective for proposals submitted or due, on or after, February 25, 2019. [Cooperative Agreement Conditions \(CA-FATC\) and CA-FATC Modifications and Supplemental terms and](#) conditions are effective for new awards and funding actions to existing awards beginning on February 12, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the DIAS/Policy Office at policy@nsf.gov.

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