

PAPPG Summary of Changes

The new Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) [20-1](#) has been released and will be effective for proposals submitted or due, and awards made, on or after **June 1, 2020**.

NSF has delayed the requirement to use the NSF-approved formats for the [biographical sketch](#) and [current and pending support](#) sections of NSF proposals until **October 5, 2020**.

Please note that proposers must still include the required information in these documents in accordance with PAPPG requirements outlined in sections [II.C.2.f](#) and [II.C.2.h](#).

Biographical Sketches

- All Senior Personnel biographical sketches must be in the [NSF fillable pdf](#) or generated from SciENCv. Any other pdf form generated manually will cause an error in Research.gov, and will cause your proposal to be returned without review in FastLane. SciENCv does not currently link to FastLane or Research.gov. Applicants must download and attach their CVs as PDF files in Research.gov/FastLane. Pagination in SciENCv currently isn't available, but NSF is working on this feature for the future. [Section II.C.2.f](#). [NSF-Approved Formats](#)
- The Appointments section must include any titled academic, professional, or institutional position whether or not remuneration is received. [Section II.C.2.f\(i\)\(b\)](#)
- Synergistic Activities must be specific and may not include multiple examples to describe a single activity of what the PI is doing. [Section II.C.2.f\(i\)\(d\)](#)

Current and Pending Support (C&P)

- All Senior Personnel C&Ps must be in the [NSF fillable pdf](#) or generated from SciENCv. [Section II.C.2.h NSF-Approved Formats](#).
- The NSF fillable pdf only has space for 15 items. If one needs to disclose more than 15 items, then SciENCv should be used.
- Current and pending support information must be provided for this project, for ongoing projects, and for any proposals currently under consideration from whatever source, irrespective of whether such support is provided through the proposing organization or is provided directly to the individual. For example, Federal, State, local, foreign, public or private foundations, non-profit organizations, industrial or other commercial organizations or internal funds allocated toward specific projects. [Section II.C.2.h](#)
- Current and pending support also includes in-kind contributions (such as office/laboratory space, equipment, supplies, employees, students). [Section II.C.2.h](#)

- If the in-kind contributions are intended for use on the project being proposed to NSF, the information must be included as part of the Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources section of the proposal and need not be replicated in the individual's C&P submission.
- In-kind contributions not intended for use on the project/proposal being proposed also must be reported. If the time commitment or dollar value is not readily ascertainable, reasonable estimates should be provided.
- NSF has provided a [FAQ](#) specifically related to Current and Pending support questions.
- **Listing of Suggested Reviewers or Reviewers Not to Include**, PAPPG removes the requirement to indicate why the proposer prefers someone not to review the proposal. [Section II.C.1.b](#)
- **Project Description**, the Intellectual Merit label requirement is removed. [Section II.C.2.d](#)
- **RAPID and EAGER proposals**, Applicants are still required to have prior approval from the PO and will also be required to upload a PO Concurrence Letter as a Supplementary Document. [Section II.E.1](#) and [Section II.E.2](#)

Budget and Budget Justification

- Section on Participant Support updated to state that conference costs that are secured through a service agreement should be budgeted as "Other Direct Costs." [Section II.C.2.g\(v\)](#)
- Section on Publication/Documentation/Dissemination costs updated to state that proposers may include data deposit and data curation costs. [Section II.C.2.g\(v\)\(i\)\(b\)](#)
 - Data deposit is a one-time charge that you pay at the time data is deposited in the depository.
 - Data curation is an expense associated when preparing data into a form that others can use.

Conference Proposals

- Must include information on the complaint resolution process in the policy or code-of-conduct disseminated to conference participants. [Section II.E.7](#)
- Include a plan for recruitment of and support for, speakers and other attendees that includes participation of underrepresented groups. [Section II.E.7](#)
- Include a description of plans to identify resources for child and other types of family care. [Section II.E.7](#)

Resources:

- [NSF Policy Resource Center](#)
- [Biosketch and Current & Pending Support NSF Webinar](#)
- [Biosketch and Current & Pending Support NSF Webinar Slides](#)
- [Approved Formats 4-2020 Webinar](#)
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- [PAPPG Update NSF 2-06-2020 Webinar](#)

- [PAPPG Update NSF 2-06-2020 Webinar Slides](#)
- [NSF Current & Pending FAQ](#)
- [SciENCv FAQ](#)
- [NSF Fillable PDF FAQ](#)
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- [NSF Electronic Research Administration \(ERA Forum Webinar Slides\)](#)