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Summary of Changes in NSF PAPPG 24-1

Effective May 20, 2024

The National Science Foundation (NSF) released a revised version of the [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG), version 24-1](#), on January 22, 2024. Changes are effective for all NSF submissions May 20, 2024.

Below are some notable policy changes related to proposals. For a complete list of the changes and for additional detail, please see the updated [PAPPG (NSF 24-1)](#).

Foreign Organizations - updated guidance for justifying inclusion of a foreign organization (subaward) or foreign individual (consultant) in a proposal budget. The justification must be included in the project description section of the proposal and the box for "Funding of a Foreign Organization or Foreign Individual" must be checked on the Cover Sheet.

Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs – guidance provided for individuals who are a party to a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program. Such individuals are not eligible to serve as a senior/key person on NSF proposals and awards.   This new policy is part of NSF's implementation of the National Security Presidential Memorandum-33 (NSPM-33).

Additionally, as part of the proposal submission, AU must certify that all individuals identified as senior/key persons have been made aware of and have complied with their responsibility to certify that they are not party to a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program.

Biographical Sketch – implementing the new [Common Disclosure](#) form, removing the page limitation (formerly a 3-page limit) and the Synergistic Activities section. The Biographical Sketch will continue to be created in [SciENcv](#), which will produce a pdf compliant version that can be attached to the proposal in [Research.gov](#). Each senior/key personnel must include a BioSketch and certify.

Current and Pending (Other) Support – implementing the new [Common Disclosure](#) form. The Current and Pending Support form will continue to be created in [SciENcv](#), which will produce a pdf compliant version that can be attached to the proposal in [Research.gov](#). Each senior/key personnel must disclose Current & Pending Support and certify.

New Synergistic Activities Document – Synergistic Activities that used to be included as part of the Biographical Sketch has been moved to a separate document. Each individual identified as senior/key personnel must include a one-page

document with up to five examples that demonstrate the broader impact of the individual's professional and scholarly activities that focus on the creation, integration, and transfer of knowledge. This document is submitted as part of the Senior/Key personnel documents in Research.gov.

Mentoring Plan – expanded to require a plan for graduate students and/or postdoctoral researchers supported on a project. The page limit is still one page.

Projects Requiring Advanced Computing, Data, and Analysis Capabilities updated instructions – clarifies that many research projects require access to computational, data, analysis, and/or visualization resources to complete the work proposed. This section is updated with revised instructions on where to access these resources for projects at scales requiring resources beyond what may be locally available. Typically, such resources will be noted in the proposal under Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources.

Concept Outlines and Proposal Concept Tool (ProSPCT) – updated to provide additional clarity on the use of concept outlines and the Program Suitability and Proposal Concept Tool (ProSPCT). Opportunities requiring a Concept Outline will provide directions on use of email or ProSPCT and specific guidance on length limitations and email formatting or the completion of the webform to facilitate consistent identification and consideration of the respective Concept Outlines.

Tribal Nation Approval – requires that proposals that may impact the resources of a Tribal Nation must seek and obtain prior written approval from the Tribal Nation. Without this approval, NSF will not award the project.

Proposal Font, Spacing, and Margin Requirements - updated to allow for submission of proposal documents in landscape format.

When to Submit – clarifies that proposals must be received by 5:00 pm, PI's *institution's* local time, (**AU - 5:00pm CT**) on the established deadline date. Failure to submit by 5:00 pm, institution's local time, will result in the proposal not being accepted.