

NSF Changes

GRANT PROPOSAL GUIDE (effective for proposals due on or after 1/25/16)	
Collaborators and Other Affiliations	Collaborators and Other Affiliations information is now a single-copy document to be submitted for all senior/key personnel. The information will no longer be included as part of the Biographical Sketch. The Biographical Sketch will remain 2 pages. The Collaborators and Other Affiliations single-copy document does not have a page limit, and the detail required has been slightly revised. See Chapter II.C.1.f and Chapter II.C.1.e
Letters of Collaboration	Additional guidance has been provided regarding the format that must be used for letters of collaboration in Chapter II.C.2.j.
Submission Deadline	All proposals are required to be submitted by 5:00:00pm submitter's (i.e. University of Delaware) local time. Individual solicitations no longer have the option to propose an alternate time. Any proposal submitted after this time will result in the proposal not being accepted. See Chapter I.F
Prior NSF Support Section	Details related to the required section of the Project Description titled "Prior NSF Support" have been clarified to reflect that the information must be provided for any PI or co-PI that has received NSF funding with a start date in the past five years (including any current funding and no-cost extensions). Information also has been added on which types of NSF awards must be reported on in this section of the proposal. See Chapter II.C.2.d(iii)
AWARD & ADMINISTRATION GUIDE (effective 1/25/16)	
NSF-Approved Extensions	For NSF-approved extensions submitted after the grant end date, justification must be provided for why they were not submitted earlier. See Chapter I.D.3.c(ii)(c).
Grantee Notifications to NSF	Grantee Notifications to NSF and Requests for NSF Approval has been revised to state that all notifications and requests must be electronically signed and submitted by the Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) via use of NSF's electronic systems. Exceptions can be made where significant changes in methods or procedures and significant changes, delays or events of unusual interest, exist. See Chapter II.A.2.
Technical Reporting Requirements	Technical Reporting Requirements has been revised to state that, in the case of annual project reports, the reports should be submitted no later than 90 days prior to the end of the current budget period. For final project reports and project outcomes reports for the general public, reports should be submitted no later than 120 days following expiration of the grant, unless otherwise stated in the agreement. See Chapter II.D.
New Sections Added	<p>1) Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC) serves as NSF's implementation of the US Government Policy for Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern. (Chapter VI.B.5)</p> <p>2) Public Access to Copyrighted Material provides information on NSF's Public Access Policy, Chapter VI.D.2.c, and is also referenced in Chapter VI.E.1 on publication and distribution of grant materials.</p> <p>3)Administrative and Clerical Salaries & Wages Policy, in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.413, speaks to when the direct charging of these costs may be</p>

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	appropriate. See Chapter V.B.2.
Project Direction or Management	Changes in Project Direction or Management has been revised to include that, when a grant is being transferred, if funding is requested to support a postdoctoral researcher, a mentoring plan must be provided and the PI must report on the mentoring activities in their NSF project reports. The same procedures must be followed if a request to subaward, transfer or contract out part of an NSF award includes funding to support a postdoctoral researcher and the original proposal did not include a mentoring plan. See Chapter II.B.2.e and 3.
Indirect Costs	Section has been revised to conform to the respective coverage areas in the Uniform Guidance. See Chapter V.D.
Passports and Visas	Section has been revised to conform to the respective coverage areas in the Uniform Guidance. See Chapter V.F.4.

In addition, several administrative functions have been migrated from FastLane to Research.gov:

1. Change in person months devoted to the project
2. Preaward costs in excess of 90 days
3. Reallocation of funds provided for participant support costs
4. Rearrangements/alterations in excess of \$25,000 (Construction)
5. Salaries of administrative or clerical staff
6. Travel costs for dependents
7. Additional categories of participant support costs other than those described in 2 CFR 200.75
8. No-Cost Extensions
9. Significant changes in methods/procedures
10. Significant changes/delays or events of unusual interest
11. Changes in objectives or scope
12. Long-term disengagement of the PI/PD or co-PI/PD
13. Withdrawal of PI/PD or co-PI/PD
14. PI/PD or co-PI/PD transfer from one organization to another
15. Substitute PI/PD or co-PI/PI

For a link to the full NSF PAPPG 16-1, please see <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf16001/>

For a full list of all changes in the PAPP Guide, please see <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf16001/sigchanges.jsp>