The National Science Foundation has posted to its website a revised version of the *NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (PAPPG, NSF 09-1) that will be effective for proposals received on or after January 5, 2009. A Summary of Significant Changes is posted with the Grant Proposal Guide (GPG). ([http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf09_1/gpg_index.jsp](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf09_1/gpg_index.jsp))

NSF begins implementing the requirements outlined in the America COMPETES Act by describing a new section of the project description concerning the mentoring of post-doctoral fellows. Proposals requesting support for a postdoctoral fellow must include, “as a separate section within the 15-page Project Description, a description of the mentoring activities that will be provided for such individuals.” The mentoring activities will be assessed in the merit review as a part of the broader impacts criteria and proposals that include a post-doc but “that do not include a separate section on mentoring activities within the Project Description will be returned without review.”