

NewsFlash!

Announcement: Effective **July 25, 2016**, all National Science Foundation (NSF) proposals will be subject to a new series of automated compliance validation checks to ensure proposals comply with the requirements outlined in Chapter II.C.2. of the *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* ([PAPPG](#)).

The new set of automated compliance checks will trigger error messages with regard to the following rules:

- Biographical Sketch(es) and Current and Pending Support files are required for each Senior Personnel associated with a proposal.
- Biographical Sketch(es) can only be uploaded as a file, must not exceed two pages, and can no longer be entered as text.

Please be aware that if a proposal was received *prior to July 25* and contained only one Biographical Sketch and/or Current & Pending Support file (rather than individual files for each senior personnel), a Proposal File Update (PFU) addressing any section of the proposal will result in the proposal not being accepted if it does not comply with these new compliance checks. The checks will be run on all sections of the proposal regardless of which section was updated during the PFU.

Please also note that the new set of compliance checks **are in addition to** the compliance checks that currently exist in FastLane. You can view a complete list of FastLane auto-compliance checks by clicking [here](#). The list specifies which checks are run depending on the funding opportunity type (GPG, Program Description, Program Announcement, or Program Solicitation) and type of proposal (Research, RAPID, EAGER, Ideas Lab, Conference, Equipment, International Travel, Facility/Center, or Fellowship).

Questions? If you have any questions, please contact your [DCG Officer](#) in the Department of Contracts and Grants.