

NewsFlash!

Announcement: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is emerging from a 35-day funding lapse in appropriations and shutdown of the agency. As a result, a [Resumption of Operations at NSF](#) page has been developed that includes [Important Notice No. 145, Resumption of Operations at the National Science Foundation](#), dated January 28, 2019, as well as supplemental guidance that addresses grant and cooperative agreement-related policy and systems issues. The notice addresses grant and cooperative agreement policy and systems issues that may arise during the initial resumption of operations at the National Science Foundation during the three-week Continuing Resolution (CR).

PROPOSAL PREPARATION & SUBMISSION

- The issuance of new funding opportunities (program descriptions, announcements or solicitations) and Dear Colleague Letters (DCLs) will resume in the coming days.
- The NSF FastLane system, Grants.gov and Research.gov were available for proposal preparation and submission during the lapse.
- The implementation date for the revised NSF *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) ([NSF 19-1](#)), which was scheduled to become effective on January 28, 2019, has been delayed. NSF will post a new implementation date on the NSF website as soon as practicable. In the interim, the current version of the PAPPG ([NSF 18-1](#)) applies.

Impact on Existing Due Dates

Guidance to the proposer and awardee community was updated on January 25, 2019, to specify that NSF will be extending the deadline date for the solicitations or DCLs listed in the table below. New deadline dates for these documents have not yet been identified. By February 1, 2019, the below list will be updated to include revised deadlines, and the deadline dates identified on the actual solicitations or DCLs on the NSF website will be modified. Additional solicitations or DCLs may be added to the below list; however, for now, deadline dates for published program descriptions, announcements, solicitations and DCLs that do not appear on the list below remain unchanged.

Pub ID	Title	Original Deadline	Submission Type
19-500	Joint DMS/NLM Initiative on Generalizable Data Science Methods for Biomedical Research (DMS/NLM)	16-Jan-19	Full proposals

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19-543	Harnessing the Data Revolution (HDR): Institutes for Data-Intensive Research in Science and Engineering - Ideas Labs (I-DIRSE-IL)	28-Jan-19	Preliminary proposals
19-018	Dear Colleague Letter: EARly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Society - Supported Jointly with the Partnership on AI	28-Jan-19	EARly-Concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGERs)
19-030	Dear Colleague Letter: Leadership-Class Computing Allocations	1-Feb-19	Supplemental funding requests
19-518	Harnessing the Data Revolution (HDR): Data Science Corps (DSC)	4-Feb-19	Full proposals
19-524	Training-based Workforce Development for Advanced Cyberinfrastructure (CyberTraining)	6-Feb-19	Full proposals
19-530	Ideas Lab: Cross-cutting Initiative in CubeSat Innovations	8-Feb-19	Preliminary proposals
19-523	EarthCube Office	11-Feb-19	Full proposals
19-511	Navigating the New Arctic (NNA)	14-Feb-19	Full proposals
19-531	Frontier Research in Earth Sciences (FRES)	20-Feb-19	Full proposals

Pub ID	Title	Original Deadline	Submission Type
19-532	Enabling Quantum Leap: Quantum Idea Incubator for Transformational Advances in Quantum Systems (QII - TAQS)	21-Feb-19	Preliminary proposals

* *New deadlines to be posted by February 1, 2019.*

Proposal Review Process

Decisions about panels that were canceled due to the lapse will be at the discretion of individual divisions/offices. Panelists on canceled or to-be-rescheduled panels will be contacted by the cognizant NSF Program Officer with a status update; please await guidance from the cognizant NSF Program Officer.

Proposal Processing Time

In many cases, NSF will not be able to meet normal customer-service standards of informing applicants/proposers about funding decisions for their proposals within six months of the deadline or target date, or receipt date, whichever is later. However, decisions will be made as quickly as practicable.

Issuance of New Grants and Cooperative Agreements

Grants or cooperative agreements impacted by the lapse will be awarded as early as practicable.

Issuance of Continuing Grant Increments (CGIs)

Priority will be given to processing of CGIs that could not be processed during the lapse.

POST-AWARD ADMINISTRATION

Performance of Work

During the lapse, awardees were authorized to continue performance under their NSF awards to the extent that funds were available, and the term of the grant or cooperative agreement had not expired. During the lapse, as always, any expenses incurred were required to be necessary for performance of the work and allowable in accordance with 2 CFR § 200, *Uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for Federal awards*.

Payments

Payments and the ability of awardees to draw down funds under grants and cooperative agreements via the Awardee Cash Management System (ACMS) were reinstated on January 28, 2019.

Project Reporting

Research.gov was available during the lapse for submission of required Annual, Final and

Project Outcomes Reports. All reports submitted during the lapse will be reviewed and acted upon by NSF as early as practicable, with priority being given to awards with a contingent CGI due to be awarded.

No-Cost Extensions and Other Post Award Transactions

NSF electronic systems were available for use by the awardee community to submit no-cost extension, award transfer, supplemental funding request and other post award notifications and requests via NSF electronic systems. All requests submitted during the lapse will be processed by NSF as early as practicable

QUESTIONS?

Policy-related questions regarding resumption of operations at NSF may be addressed to policy@nsf.gov. For all other questions, please contact the [DCG Officer](#) assigned to your Department/School.