

NewsFlash!

Reminder: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has announced the issuance of a revised version of the [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide \(PAPPG\) \(NSF 20-1\)](#). The new PAPPG will be effective for **proposals submitted or due, and awards made, on or after June 1, 2020**.

Significant changes include:

- New requirement for proposing organizations to submit government-wide representations and certifications in the System for Award Management (SAM);
- New requirement for providing e-mail documentation of Program Officer approval for the submission of RAPID and EAGER proposals; and
- Clarifications to current and pending support coverage as well as other changes throughout the document.

Additionally, NSF will require use of an NSF-approved format in submission of the biographical sketch and current and pending support documents. NSF is partnering with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to use [SciENcv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#) as an NSF-approved format for preparation of both documents. The Department of Contracts and Grants (DCG) has subsequently posted a [Quick Guide](#) for Creating an NSF Biographical Sketch in SciENcv on the DCG [Proposal Preparation](#) webpage.

Please Note: NSF has made the decision to delay the requirement to use NSF-approved formats for the [biographical sketch](#) and [current and pending support](#) sections of NSF proposals until **October 1, 2020**. Proposers must continue to format these documents in accordance with PAPPG requirements (see PAPPG sections [II.C.2.f](#) and [II.C.2.h](#)). NSF encourages the community to use these formats and continue to provide valuable feedback as they enhance them for future implementation. Over the coming week, NSF will make updates to existing policy guidance, websites and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to reflect the change.

Webinars covering the use of NSF-approved formats as well as all of the significant changes to the PAPPG are available on the [NSF Policy Outreach website](#).

Questions? If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the DIAS/Policy Office at policy@nsf.gov or reach out to the DCG [Contracts and Grants Officer](#) assigned to your unit.