Implementation of the Revised NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide

On June 1, 2020, National Science Foundation (NSF) implemented the Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1) for proposals submitted or due on or after this date. The revised PAPPG implements a variety of changes and clarifications, the highest profile of which requires use of an NSF-approved format for the preparation of the biographical sketch and current and pending support.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing stress on proposers, the research community has not been able to adequately prepare and train their staff for the implementation of the new requirements.

NSF has decided 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 we enhance them for future implementation.

NSF will make updates to existing policy guidance, websites and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to reflect the change. NSF will communicate further with the community once these updates have been made.

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.
Proposal Submission Deadlines at Rutgers

Meeting the proposal deadline is critical. Internal deadlines are in place and must be met. If you are planning to submit a proposal, please contact the Office of Sponsored Research at least 30 days in advance of the submission deadline date.

Please remember that a completed and approved funding proposal (endorsement) is needed by the Office of Sponsored Research 5 days prior to the submission deadline. In addition to the funding proposal (endorsement), the following documents are required for the submission of a proposal 12 pm on the 5 and 2 business day deadlines:

Documents Requested by 12 pm on the Five (5) Business Day Deadline
* Completed and approved RAPSS Funding Proposal with the working project title
* Sponsor's guidelines
* Final proposal excluding final science
* Final budget with budget justification
* Subaward documents (if applicable):
  • Rutgers Budget Template
  • Budget Justification
  • Statement of Work
  • Statement of Intent
  • Subrecipient Commitment Form

Completed Proposal Documents Due by 12 pm on the Two (2) Business Day Deadline
* Completed and approved RAPSS Funding Proposal
* Final Science, which may include:
  • Project Summary/Abstract
  • Project Narrative

* Bibliography & References Cited
* Facilities & Other Resources
* Specific Aims
* Research Strategy
* Resource Sharing Plan(s)
* Completed eCOI Disclosure for research related applications

More information regarding proposal submission deadlines is available at http://orsp.rutgers.edu/proposal-deadlines.

Please plan to submit several days in advance of the submission due date. This will provide adequate time to address any technical and content issues. (Issues can occur.)

If you need assistance, please contact the Office of Sponsored Research.
Effective April 27, 2020 the ORED Sponsored Research Agreements Office (SRA), formerly Corporate Contracts (CC), assumed management responsibility of agreements historically under the purview of Research and Sponsored Programs (RSP) or the Office of Sponsored Research (OSR) in Camden.

SRA will be responsible for the management of agreements related to sponsored programs, regardless of sponsor type (e.g. Federal, State, not-for-profit, industry/for-profit). SRA will support Rutgers by fostering mutually beneficial and strategic alliances between Rutgers and sponsors through professional and responsive review, negotiation, and management of agreements related to sponsored programs, basic research and clinical research, on behalf of Rutgers researchers and provide training to Rutgers stakeholders, to advance Rutgers mission of research, patient care, outreach and education.

Agreements under the SRA’s purview include, but are not limited to: nondisclosure (NDA or CDA), material transfer (MTA), clinical trial, data use (DUA), research, research services, master agreements, MOAs, MOUs and other types of agreements related to sponsored programs, as well as all associated amendments and modifications.

RSP and OSR will continue to manage Notices of Awards (NOAs) and associated modifications / revisions / amendments issued by the Sponsors listed below under “EXCEPTIONS”, as well as incoming Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) subaward agreements, and associated modifications. Agreements handled by RSP do not have to be submitted to RSP through RAPSS AR/DR.

Agreements for review or to be drafted should be submitted to SRA through RAPSS. Information on how to submit can be found here.

*EXCEPTIONS: Notices of Awards (NOAs) and their modifications / revisions / amendments issued by NSF, NIH, NASA, NEA, NEH, USDA (grants and cooperative agreements only), US Department of Defense, including but not limited to ONR, DARPA, AFOSR, USAMRRA (grants and cooperative agreements only), HRSA (grants and cooperative agreements only), US Department of Education (grants and cooperative agreements only), NOAA (grants and cooperative agreements only), NJ SAGE, NJ Dept of Education (EWEG), and Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) incoming subaward agreements, and their modifications / revisions / amendments.