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SUBJECT: NSF PAPPG 24-1 Changes

OSP is working through addressing any needed OSP process and procedures changes to comply with the NSF PAPPG 24-1 updates, effective May 20, 2024.

Below are updates that PIs and DGAs should pay particular attention to.

Chapter I: Pre-Submission Information

- Chapter I.D, Concept Outlines, has been updated to provide additional clarity on the use of concept outlines and the Program Suitability and Proposal Concept Tool (ProSPCT).
- Chapter I.E, Who May Submit Proposals:
 - **2(c) Foreign Organizations**, has been updated to clarify the information required from proposers to justify the request to provide funding through the NSF budget of a foreign organization or foreign individual (through a subaward or consultant arrangement).
 - **3(b) Parties to Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs,** has been modified to incorporate a new section establishing that individuals who are a party to a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program are not eligible to serve as a senior/key person on an NSF proposal.
- Chapter I.F, When to Submit Proposals, has been modified to clarify that the 5 p.m. submitter's local time is tied to the organization, and not the location of the PI.

Chapter II: Proposal Preparation Instructions

- Chapter II.C.2, Proposal Font, Spacing, and Margin Requirements, has been modified to allow for submission of proposal documents in landscape format.
 - Note: format will be expanded to include landscape.
- Chapter II.D.2.h(i), Biographical Sketch(es), the updated guidance serves as NSF's implementation of the biographical sketch common form developed by the National Science and Technology Council's Research Security Subcommittee. This section has been revised to remove the 3-page limitation for the biographical sketch. There is no page limitation for this section of the proposal. The Synergistic Activities section has been removed from the biographical sketch. This information must now be submitted by individuals designated as senior/key persons as part of the senior/key personnel documents in Research.gov.

Note: SciENcv will assist with compliance.

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- Chapter II.D.2.h(ii), Current and Pending (Other) Support, the updated guidance serves as NSF's implementation of the biographical sketch common form developed by the National Science and Technology Council's Research Security Subcommittee.
 Note: SciENcv will assist with compliance.
- Chapter II.D.2.i(i), Mentoring Plan, has been expanded to address the revision to Section 7008(a) of the America COMPETES Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. § 1862o(a)) requiring a mentoring plan for postdoctoral researchers or graduate students supported on the project. This page limitation for the Mentoring Plan remains one page.
 - Note: mentoring plans will be expanded to include graduate students.
- Chapter II.E.10, Seeking and Obtaining Tribal Nation Approval for Proposals that May Impact Tribal Resources or Interests, has been added as a new section for proposals that may impact the resources of a Tribal Nation. Projects that do not have prior written approval from the official(s) designated by the relevant Tribal Nation(s) will not be awarded by NSF.

 Note: look for an updated OSP process soon to incorporate this new requirement.

Chapter VII: Award Administration

- Chapter VII.B.6, Postaward Addition of Off-Site or Off-Campus Research, is a new section to address postaward requirements associated with the plan for safe and inclusive working environments.
 - Note: If a recipient rebudgets funds or supplemental funding is requested to support off-site or off-campus research and the original proposal did not require a Plan for Safe and Inclusive Working Environments, then the recipient must develop and maintain the plan in the organization's records as described in NSF PAPPG 24-1, Chapter II.E.9.
- Chapter VII.B.7, Individual Development Plans for Postdoctoral Scholars or Graduate Students, implements Section 10313 (42 U.S.C. § 18993) of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 requirement for postdoctoral scholars or graduate students who receive substantial NSF support must have an Individual Development Plan which is required to be updated annually. Note: Each NSF award that provides substantial support to postdoctoral scholars and graduate students must have an Individual Development Plan for each postdoctoral scholars and graduate student. The plan will need to be updated annually, and should include the educational goals, career exploration, and professional development of the individual. NSF defines "substantial support" as an individual that has received one person month or more during the annual reporting period under.

Chapter XI: Other Post Award Requirements and Considerations

• Chapter XI.M, Scientific Integrity, incorporates a new definition for scientific integrity derived from "A Framework for Federal Scientific Integrity Policy and Practice" issued by the National Science and Technology Council.

Please email osp@uidaho.edu if you have questions.

Thank you,
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