



# National Science Foundation Proposal Modernization Update



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# Migrating Proposal Preparation and Submission from FastLane to Research.gov




# Goodbye FastLane Proposal Preparation...Hello Research.gov

- FastLane is targeted to be removed as a submission option from all funding opportunities **by December 31, 2022**
- 70% of NSF funding opportunities are currently supported in Research.gov
- Funding opportunities clearly specify whether submission via Research.gov is available or required

**Division of Environmental Biology**

**PROGRAM SOLICITATION**  
**NSF 22-541**

**REPLACES DOCUMENT(S):**  
**NSF 21-504**

 National Science Foundation  
Directorate for Biological Sciences  
Division of Environmental Biology

Full Proposal Deadline(s):  
Proposals Accepted Anytime

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REVISION NOTES**

The Bridging Ecology and Evolution (BEE) special category is no longer part of this solicitation. Proposals that combine ecological and evolutionary approaches to better understand the functional role of biodiversity can be submitted to the new "Biodiversity on a Changing Planet" solicitation (NSF 22-508).

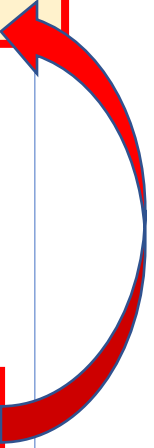
This revision includes new details on the required contents of the Data Management Plan.

Innovating and migrating proposal preparation and submission capabilities from FastLane to Research.gov is part of the ongoing NSF information technology modernization efforts, as described in [Important Notice No. 147](#). In support of these efforts, proposals submitted in response to this program solicitation must be prepared and submitted via Research.gov or via Grants.gov and may not be prepared or submitted via FastLane.

Any proposal submitted in response to this solicitation should be submitted in accordance with the [NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide \(PAPPG\)](#).

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REVISION NOTE ABOUT RESEARCH.GOV PROPOSAL PREPARATION:**

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# Migrating Proposal Preparation and Submission from FastLane to Research.gov: *Why?*

- Launched in 1994, FastLane was cutting-edge technology....28 years ago
- Research.gov is built on modernized architecture to meet current and future requirements
  - Features to help reduce administrative burden for both the research community and NSF staff and minimize return without review proposals (e.g., expanded automated compliance checking)
  - Improved user experience with a modern and intuitive interface and inline help throughout the application
- Research.gov is being developed incrementally, and features have expanded to support the transition of all proposal preparation and submission functionality from FastLane to Research.gov by a target date of December 31, 2022
- Target date to fully transition all remaining FastLane functions to Research.gov has not yet been determined
- Grants.gov will continue to be an option for the preparation and submission of most types of NSF proposals



# Migrating Proposal Preparation and Submission from FastLane to Research.gov: *How?*

- Incrementally remove FastLane from funding opportunities as an option for proposal submission. Gradual proposal system transition decreases burden on both the research community and NSF staff (e.g., Program Officers and NSF Help Desk technicians)
- Continue to develop and deploy additional proposal preparation functionality in Research.gov ([Research.gov Proposal Submission Capabilities](#))
- Engage NSF staff to facilitate a smooth transition
- Expand Foundation-wide efforts to reach the research community
- Bolster training resources for internal and external stakeholders
- Update NSF policy documents including the PAPPG





# Research.gov Proposal Preparation: Advantages for Principal Investigators and Research Administrators

## *Features to help reduce proposal preparation administrative burden:*

- Improved user experience through intuitive and dynamic interfaces that provide only relevant proposal preparation options
- Immediate feedback within each proposal section and for each document upload rather than at proposal submission in FastLane
- Faster document uploads (a few seconds versus 30-90 seconds for each document upload in FastLane)
- Expanded [automated compliance checking](#) utilizing error messages (preventing proposal submission) and warning messages (allowing proposal submission)
  - There are currently **100+** compliance checks in Research.gov versus **56** compliance checks in FastLane
  - Specific, actionable error and warning messages
- Higher quality proposal submissions (e.g., PDF uploads are not altered)
- Minimized Return without Reviews due to some proposal formatting issues





# Research.gov Proposal Preparation Tips

- Research.gov is being added to solicitations whenever possible as a submission option, even if FastLane is not yet removed
- Program descriptions are supported in Research.gov
- Proposal information cannot be transferred from FastLane to Research.gov and vice versa
- Letters of intent and preliminary proposals must be prepared in the same system as the full proposal (i.e., all in Research.gov or all in FastLane)
- All proposals in a separately submitted collaborative from multiple organizations must be prepared in the same system (i.e., all in Research.gov or all in FastLane)
- Proposal file updates (PFUs) and budget revisions must be executed in the same system as the proposal was submitted (i.e., all in Research.gov or all in FastLane)
- Proposals submitted in Research.gov are evaluated by NSF in the same way as proposals submitted in FastLane and Grants.gov, and this migration does not affect the merit review process in any way



# Research.gov Proposals: Where We Are and What's Ahead

As of 1/7/2022

Current Capabilities	Upcoming Capabilities	Future Capabilities
<p><b>Proposal Types</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Research:</b> Single Submissions from One Organization (<i>April 2018</i>); Single Submission Collaborative Proposals with Subawards (<i>June 2019</i>); Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposals from Multiple Organizations (<i>March 2020</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Rapid Response Research (RAPID)</b> (<i>November 2020</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>EArly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER)</b> (<i>November 2020</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Research Advanced by Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering (RAISE)</b> (<i>November 2020</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Facilitation Awards for Scientists and Engineers with Disabilities (FASED)</b> (<i>March 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Equipment</b> (<i>March 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Travel</b> (<i>March 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Conference</b> (<i>August 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Ideas Lab</b> (<i>August 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI)</b> (<i>October 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Planning</b> (<i>October 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Center</b> (<i>November 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Research Infrastructure</b> (<i>November 2021</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Submission Types:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Letter of Intent</b> (<i>October 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Full Proposal</b> (<i>April 2018</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Preliminary Proposal:</b> Ideas Lab (<i>August 2021</i>); Non-Ideas Lab (<i>November 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Full Proposal related to a Preliminary Proposal</b> (<i>November 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Renewal Proposal</b> (<i>August 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Accomplishment-Based Renewal Proposal</b> (<i>August 2021</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Recent Proposal Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Withdrawal</b> (Single and Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposal Submissions) (<i>March 2021</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Project Descriptions Exceeding 15 Pages</b> (<i>November 2021</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Research.gov Proposal Prep Demo Site</b> (<i>October 2020</i>)</li> <li>✓ <b>Initial Topic-specific How-to Guides</b> (<i>March 2021</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Proposal Type</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Postdoctoral Fellowship</b> (<i>Spring 2022 release</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Solicitation-specific Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EHR Project Data Form</b> (<i>Spring 2022 release</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Secondary Units of Consideration</b> (<i>Spring 2022 release</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional Topic-specific How-to Guides</b> (<i>ongoing</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Webinars</b> (e.g., <i>Spring 2022 NSF Grants Conference and ERA Forum</i>)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Proposal Type</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SBIR and STTR Phases I/II</b> (<i>Fall 2022 release</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Post-award Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Supplemental Funding Requests</b>, including Career Life Balance Supplemental Funding Requests (<i>Fall 2022 release</i>)</li> </ul>



# Recent Release Enhancements



## November Release Enhancements

- The following submission types and proposal types are now available in the Research.gov Proposal Submission System:

### ***NEW Submission Types***

- Preliminary Proposal
- Full Proposal related to a Preliminary Proposal

### ***NEW Proposal Types***

- Center
- Research Infrastructure

- Project Descriptions exceeding 15 pages



# November Release Enhancements

- **New submission types:**
  - Preliminary Proposal
  - Full Proposal related to a Preliminary Proposal
- Research.gov enforces whether a preliminary proposal is required

*Proposal Preparation Landing Page: "Prepare New" Tile Drop-down Menu Options*

The screenshot displays the 'Proposal Preparation Landing Page' with a yellow box highlighting the title 'Letters of Intent and Proposals (Preliminary, Full, and Renewal)'. Below this, the question 'What would you like to work on?' is followed by three main tiles: 'Prepare New', 'In Progress', and 'Submitted and Updates'. The 'Prepare New' tile is highlighted with a red box, and its drop-down menu is open, showing options: 'Letter of Intent', 'Preliminary Proposal', 'Full Proposal', 'Renewal', and 'Accomplishment-Based Renewal'. The 'In Progress' tile has a 'Work with In Progress' button, and the 'Submitted and Updates' tile has a 'View/Update Submitted' button and links for 'Proposal File Update (PFU) / Budget Revision' and 'Proposal Withdrawal'.



# November Release Enhancements

- **New proposal types:**
  - Center
  - Research Infrastructure
- **Project Description exceeding 15 pages**
  - Page limits in a single solicitation may vary by track or program
  - Proposers must follow the Project Description page limit guidance in the solicitation
  - PAPPG must be followed for the proposal type when a solicitation does not include Project Description page limit guidance

Research.gov Proposal Screenshot: Full Proposal Type Options

**Prepare New Full Proposal**

1. Funding Opportunity | 2. Where to Apply | **3. Proposal Type** | 4. Proposal Details

Select Proposal Type

What type of proposal will be used? [Proposal Types](#)

- Research
- Planning PAPPG I.E.1 [🔗](#)
- Rapid Response Research (RAPID) PAPPG I.E.2 [🔗](#)
- Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER) PAPPG I.E.3 [🔗](#)
- Research Advanced by Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering (RAISE) PAPPG I.E.4 [🔗](#)
- Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI) PAPPG I.E.5 [🔗](#)
- Ideas Lab PAPPG I.E.6 [🔗](#)
- Facilitation Awards for Scientists and Engineers with Disabilities (FASED) PAPPG I.E.7 [🔗](#)
- Conference PAPPG I.E.9 [🔗](#)
- Equipment PAPPG I.E.10 [🔗](#)
- Travel PAPPG I.E.11 [🔗](#)
- Center PAPPG I.E.12 [🔗](#)** **Now Available**
- Research Infrastructure PAPPG I.E.13 [🔗](#)** **Now Available**

**Future Capabilities**

- Fellowship
- Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR)
- Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR)

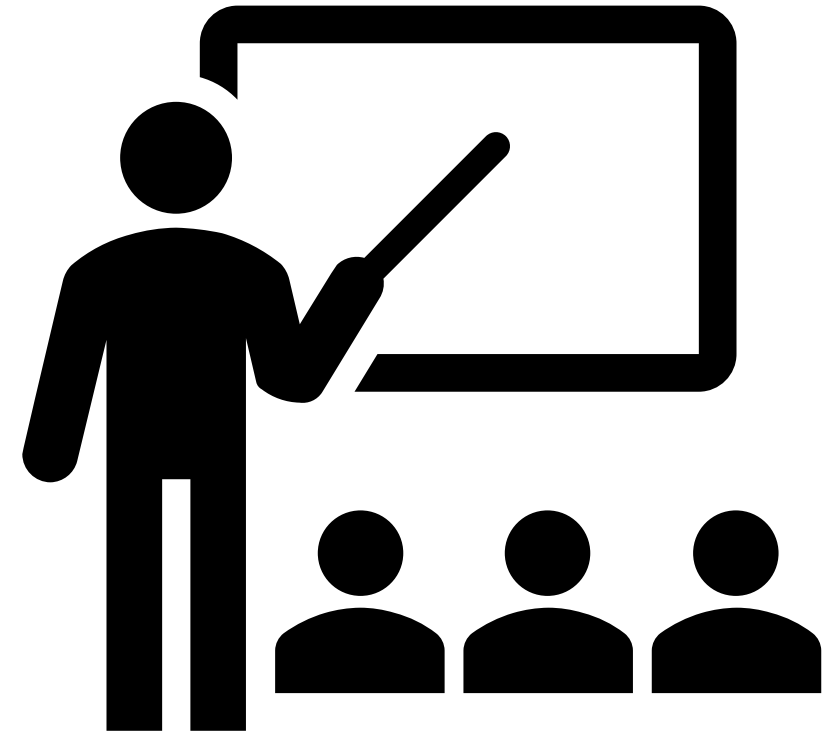
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# Research.gov Proposal Demo

- Proposal Setup Wizard
- Main Page
- Document Upload and Compliance Error/Warning Messages
- Budget
- Highlights of recent enhancements





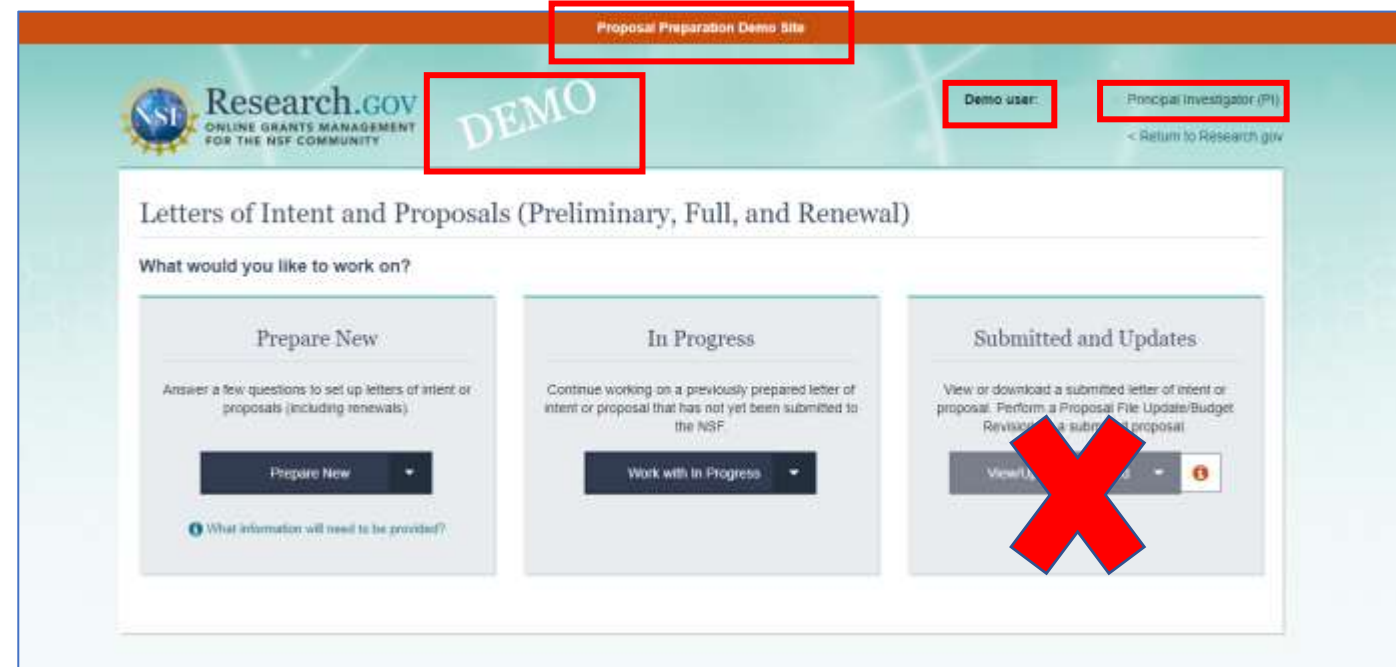
# Research.gov Proposal Preparation Demo Site and Training Resources



# Research.gov Proposal Preparation Demo Site

- Demo site can be used to explore preparing proposals and to check compliance of uploaded proposal documents (e.g., Collaborators and Other Affiliations and Biographical Sketch)
- All demo site users are automatically given the PI role for demo site purposes, in order to perform the proposal preparation functions that a PI can do in the actual system. Proposal submission capability is disabled
- See the demo site FAQs on the Research.gov [About Proposal Preparation and Submission](#) page for information on demo site access and features

*Research.gov Demo Site: Proposal Preparation Homepage*





# Research.gov Proposal Training Resources

Training resources on the Research.gov [About Proposal and Submission](#) page:

- FAQs by topic
- Links to video tutorials including [16-minute demo video](#) highlighting key proposal preparation features and preparing proposal file updates/budget revisions
- Link to [Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals](#) page to view current Research.gov proposal compliance checks
- Links to topic-specific how-to guides (e.g., [Initiating a Proposal](#) and [Sharing Access with Sponsored Projects Office/Authorized Organizational Representative](#))

## Research.gov About Proposal Preparation and Submission Page

**About Proposal Preparation and Submission**

The Research.gov Proposal Submission System modernizes proposal preparation and submission capabilities by improving the user experience while also reducing administrative burden through an intuitive interface and expanded automated proposal compliance checking. Research.gov is being developed incrementally, and features are expanding to support the transition of all proposal preparation and submission functionality from FastLane to Research.gov by a target date of December 31, 2022. Please see [NSF Important Notice 147: Research.gov Implementation Update](#) issued September 22, 2020, for additional information. Grants.gov continues to be an option for the preparation and submission of most types of NSF proposals.

Access the [Research.gov Proposal Submission System](#)

Explore the [Research.gov Proposal Preparation Demo Site](#)

**Why Prepare Proposals in Research.gov?**

- Fast and easy Proposal Setup Wizard
- Quickly find funding opportunities, initiate a proposal, and give access to administrative staff
- Expanded compliance checking ([View Research.gov compliance checks](#))
- Immediate compliance feedback upon proposal section upload
- PDF uploads are not altered
- Minimize Return without Reviews due to some formatting issues
- On-screen references to relevant sections of the *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (PAPPG)
- Better management of personnel and subawards
- Improved performance and less system downtime

Help NSF Build the New System and Influence the Future of Proposal Submission

NSF strongly encourages the research community to use Research.gov for proposal preparation and submission. As NSF continues to enhance the new system, vital feedback from the community is being incorporated during the development process.

There are multiple ways to provide feedback and stay informed:

- Send feedback to NSF via Research.gov's [Feedback page](#)
- Participate in an [NSF Electronic Research Administration \(ERA\) Forum Webinar](#)
- Join our listserv! Sign up to receive Research.gov updates by sending a blank email to [system\\_updates-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov](mailto:system_updates-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov)

**When to Use Research.gov**

You may prepare your proposal in Research.gov if:


- 1 You are preparing a proposal in response to a Program Description
- 2 Your Program Solicitation specifies submission via Research.gov is available or required or your Program Solicitation requires a Letter of Intent or Preliminary Proposal
- 3 Your proposal is a full proposal, renewal, or accomplishment-based renewal, OR
- 4 Your proposal is one of the following types:
  - Research
  - Planning (Research.gov submission required)
  - RAPID
  - EAGER
  - RAISE
  - GOALI
  - Ideas Lab
  - FASED
  - Conference
  - Equipment
  - Travel
  - Center
  - Research Infrastructure

Both single submission and collaborative proposals are supported. View all supported features on the [Proposal Submission Capabilities page](#).



# Research.gov Proposal Training Resources (cont'd)









Inline help features are available to proposers throughout the Research.gov proposal system and the proposal preparation demo site:

- Information tool tips indicated by the blue information icon: 
- Links to the PAPPG
- Links to FAQs
- Links to video tutorials

*Proposal Main Page Example*

**Proposal - 34439**

**Proposal Title:** CAREER: Test Proposal [Edit](#)  
**Funding Opportunity:** NSF 20-825 [Edit](#) - Faculty Early Career Development Program Due Date: [Select Due Date](#) [Date Type: Deadline Date](#)  
**Where to Apply:** Direct For Mathematical & Physical Scien (MPS) - Division Of Materials Research (DMR), BIOMATERIALS PROGRAM  
**Proposal Type:** Research  
**Submission Type:** Full Proposal  
**Collaborative Type:** Not Collaborative

Proposal Actions	Proposal Sections	Last Updated	Compliance Status <a href="#">[Key]</a>
<a href="#">Share Proposal with SPO/ACR</a>  <a href="#">Manage Personnel and Subaward Organizations</a> <a href="#">Print Proposal</a> <a href="#">Delete Proposal</a>	<b>Required</b>		
	Cover Sheet		Form not checked
	Project Summary		Document unavailable for check
	Project Description		Document unavailable for check
	References Cited		Document unavailable for check
	Budget(s)		Form not checked
	Budget Justification(s)		Document unavailable for check
	Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources 		Document unavailable for check
	Senior Personnel Documents 		Document(s) unavailable for check
	Data Management Plan		Document unavailable for check
	Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan <a href="#">Conditionally required</a>		Document unavailable for check
<b>Helpful Links</b>	<b>Optional</b>		
<a href="#">View submitted proposals</a> <a href="#">Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) <a href="#">Edit</a></a> <a href="#">Proposal Preparation and Submission FAQs</a> <a href="#">Video: How to Upload a Collaborators and Other Affiliations Document</a> <a href="#">Video: How to Submit a Proposal</a>	Other Personnel Biographical Information  Other Supplementary Documents List of Suggested Reviewers (Single Copy Document  List of Reviewers Not to Include (Single Copy Document  Deviation Authorization (Single Copy Document  Additional Single Copy Documents 		

*Example Information Tool Tip for Senior Personnel Documents*

Required documents for Senior Personnel include:

- Biographical Sketch
- Current and Pending Support
- Collaborators and Other Affiliations



# Providing Feedback



Show all notifications (2 notifications)

Learn how to deposit publications in the NSF Public Access Repository (NSF-PAR). We'll walk you through the process in this short video!

Watch Tutorial Video

**Prepare & Submit Proposals**  
Prepare, submit and check status of proposals

- Prepare new or existing proposals
- Check Proposal Status

FASTLANE PROPOSAL FUNCTIONS

- Additional proposal functions

**Proposal/ Panel Review**  
Review proposals, participate in panels

FASTLANE PROPOSAL REVIEW

- Proposal Review

FASTLANE PANEL REVIEW

- Panelist Functions

**Awards & Reporting**  
Submit project reports, notifications & requests

- Project Reports
- Deposit Public Access Publication
- Example Project Reports (Demo site)
- Notifications & Requests

FASTLANE AWARD FUNCTIONS

- Additional award functions

**Fellowships & Honorary Awards**  
Nominate colleagues, apply for awards

- Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)
- Postdoctoral Fellowships and Other Programs
- Honorary Awards

**Manage Financials**  
View balances and submit cash requests

- Submit or manage payment transactions
- More about ACMS
- Program Income Reporting

**Administration**  
Manage your account and user roles

- User Management

FASTLANE ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT

- Research Administration

**NSF Award Highlights**

- Explore Scholarly or Public Access Rep
- Search awards

**About Services**

- Account Management
- Award Cash Management Service (ACMS)
- Notifications & Requests
- Project Reports
- Proposal Status
- Public Access

**NSF Award Highlights**

- Research Spending & Results

**Contact**

- Contact Help Desk

**News & Discoveries**

- News
- Discoveries
- Multimedia Gallery

**Funding & Awards**

- Recently Announced Funding Opportunities
- Upcoming Funding Opportunities
- A-Z Index of Funding Opportunities
- Find Funding
- Award Search
- Proposal & Reports

Feedback

# Providing Research.gov Proposal Feedback

## Why?

- Influence the future of proposal submission
- Help NSF continue to build and refine Research.gov

## How?

- Feedback may be submitted on the Research.gov [Feedback page](#)
  - Select "Proposal Preparation & Submission" under the Site Area dropdown menu to provide feedback on the Research.gov Proposal Submission System
  - Select "Proposal Preparation Demo Site" under the Site Area dropdown menu to provide feedback on the demo site



## Information Resources

- Join our NSF System Updates listserv to receive the latest Research.gov system enhancement information and FastLane news. Sign up by sending a blank email to: [system\\_updates-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov](mailto:system_updates-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov)
- [Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals](#) page
- Research.gov [About Proposal Preparation and Submission](#) page (*new information is being added on an ongoing basis, so please check back frequently....*)
- Research.gov [About Account Management](#) page
- [NSF Electronic Research Administration \(ERA\) Forum](#) page
- NSF ERA Forum listserv to receive updates on ERA Forum activities. Sign up by sending a blank email to: [NSF\\_ERA\\_FORUM-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov](mailto:NSF_ERA_FORUM-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov)



## Contacts for Questions

- For program-specific questions, please contact the cognizant NSF Program Officer
- For IT system-related questions or technical questions, please contact the NSF Help Desk at 1-800-381-1532 (7:00 AM - 9:00 PM ET; Monday - Friday except federal holidays) or via [rgov@nsf.gov](mailto:rgov@nsf.gov)
- Policy-related questions should be directed to [policy@nsf.gov](mailto:policy@nsf.gov)





**Thank you for your participation today!**



# Appendix





# Research.gov Proposal Compliance Error and Warning Messages

- Automated proposal compliance checks triggering an error message will **prohibit** proposal submission to NSF, whereas checks triggering a warning message will still allow proposal submission
- Proposers receiving a compliance error or warning message should check the [Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals](#) page and the solicitation for specific proposal requirements
- Proposers should also review the topic-specific FAQs on the Research.gov [About Proposal Preparation and Submission](#) page
  - *Uploading Documents* topic includes margin and line spacing FAQs
  - *Proposal Sections* topic includes Cover Sheet and budget FAQs
- **Reminder:** Effective November 2020, the compliance checks and associated compliance warnings for font type and font size were removed in Research.gov to align with FastLane and NSF policy





# Research.gov Proposal Preparation Demo Site Tips

- Demo site FAQs are available on the Research.gov [About Proposal Preparation and Submission](#) page via the left navigation menu. How-to guides with step-by-step instructions and screenshots are also available
- The demo site is available both to the research community and to NSF staff
- An orange "Proposal Preparation Demo Site" banner is at the top of each demo site page to indicate the user is on the demo site
- The demo site allows users to prepare and edit proposals before preparing them in the actual Research.gov site
- Demo site proposals are not visible or available in the actual Research.gov Proposal Submission System, and data cannot be transferred between the demo site and the actual proposal system
- All proposal and submission types available in the actual system are also available in the demo site. As proposal and submission types are added to the Research.gov Proposal Submission System, they will also be added to the demo site
- All compliance checks enabled in the actual Research.gov Proposal Submission System are also in the demo site. Proposers can use the demo site as a resource to check document compliance before uploading them in the actual system



## Research.gov Proposal Preparation Demo Site Tips (cont'd)

- Proposals created in the demo site will be available for six months and then will be deleted by NSF. Neither NSF nor users will be able to access deleted demo proposal data
- Demo site does not support proposal submission and will not trigger any system-generated email notifications (e.g., link requests for separately submitted collaborative proposals)
- The organization that you are affiliated with in your NSF account profile will be incorporated when you are in the proposal preparation demo site, but the user role(s) that you have will not be available in the demo site
  - All users who access the demo site will be given the role of PI and the mock organization “National Science Foundation”
  - This means that users from the research community will have the organization(s) they are affiliated with in their NSF account profile plus the “National Science Foundation” mock organization as available organizations in the demo site
- The only time other users will be able to view and/or edit any proposals that you create in the demo site is if you add them to the proposal as a co-PI or OAU. If you don't add any users to the proposal, no one else will be able to access, view, or edit your demo proposal