Federal Agency Updates

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FDP Meeting – May 2024
NSF Agency Update

Federal Demonstration Partnership Meeting

May 23, 2024
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Topics

- Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 24-1)
  - Effective Date
  - Summary of Relevant Changes
- NSF’s Uniform Guidance Implementation Plan
- Outreach Opportunities
- Additional Resources
Effective for proposals submitted or due on or after May 20, 2024

Summary of Changes to the PAPPG (NSF 24-1)

Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 24-1)

- PAPPG - printable version (PDF)
- Summary of Changes to the PAPPG
- Table of Contents
- Introduction
- Part I: Proposal Preparation and Submission Guidelines
- Part II: Award, Administration and Monitoring of NSF Assistance Awards
- Subject Index
- Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements

Effective Date May 20, 2024

Overall Document
- Editorial changes have been made throughout to either clarify or enhance the intended meaning of a sentence or section.
- Website and document references have been updated to reflect current information.
- Updates have been made to ensure consistency with data contained in NSF systems or guidance located and terminology used in other NSF or Federal policy documents.

By-Chapter Changes

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.D. Types of Submissions includes new coverage on the use of concept outlines and the required use of the Program Suitability and Proposal Concept Tool (ProSPCT) for submission. Additional changes on the use of concept outlines and the use of ProSPCT for specific proposal types is available in Chapter I.E.
- Chapter I.F. Who May Submit Proposals:
PAPPG (NSF 24-1)
Summary of Changes

• Mentoring plan requirement expanded to include graduate students
  • Funding for graduate students and/or postdoctoral scholars must include a mentoring plan not to exceed one page.
  • There are not separate plans for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars.
  • A single plan must be included for all graduate students or postdoctoral researchers supported by the project regardless of whether they reside at the submitting organization, any subrecipient organization, or at any organization participating in a simultaneously submitted collaborative proposal.
PAPPG (NSF 24-1)
Summary of Changes

• Individual development plan requirement for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers
  • Graduate students and postdoctoral researchers with substantial support must have an individual development plan (updated annually), which maps to educational goals, career exploration, and professional development.
  • NSF defines substantial support as an individual who has received one person month or more of support during the annual reporting period.
  • Certification that each graduate student or postdoctoral scholar has a plan is completed by the PI or co-PI in Research.gov as part of the annual reporting process.
  • A new term and condition will be added implementing this requirement post-award.
Common Forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support

• Revision of the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support
  • NSF and NIH co-chaired the NSTC disclosure policies working group to develop Common Forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support
  • Common Forms harmonize content requirements for both forms for use by Federal Research Funding Agencies
  • The comments reflect input from both research funding agencies and the research community
  • Both forms include the requisite certification from NDAA 2021, Section 223 regarding information being accurate, current and complete and that the individual is not a party to a MFTRP
  • PAPPG (NSF 24-1) contains NSF’s implementation of both Common Forms.
PAPPG (NSF 24-1) Common Forms

- Common Forms Implementation Guidance – Disclosure Requirements and Standardization
- NSF serves as steward of the Common Forms

NSTC Research Security Subcommittee
NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance
Disclosure Requirements & Standardization

Over the past several months, the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Research Security Subcommittee has worked to develop consistent disclosure requirements for use by senior personnel, as well as to develop proposed common disclosure forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support sections of an application for Federal research and development (R&D) grants or cooperative agreements.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has agreed to serve as steward for these common forms as well as for posting and maintenance of the table entitled, NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance Pre- and Post-award Disclosures Relating to the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support.

The objective of the Disclosure Requirements and Standardization section of NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance is to, "Provide clarity regarding disclosure requirements (e.g., who discloses what, relevant limitations and exclusions), disclosure process (e.g., updates, corrections, certification, and provision of supporting documentation), and expected degree of cross-agency uniformity".

COMMON DISCLOSURE FORMS FOR THE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH AND CURRENT AND PENDING (OTHER) SUPPORT
- Common Form for Biographical Sketch
- Common Form for Current and Pending (Other) Support Information
- Definitions

Guidance for Federal research funding agencies on obtaining approval from OMB/OIRA to use the Common Disclosure Forms may be obtained from your agency’s Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Officer. For assistance in identifying your PRA officer, please contact Suzanne Plimpton at splimpto@nsf.gov.
Biographical Sketch

- Required for each individual identified as a senior/key person.
- Used to assess how well qualified the individual, team, or organization is to conduct the proposed activities.
- Individuals are required to disclose contracts associated with participation in programs sponsored by foreign governments, instrumentalities, or entities, including foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment programs. Must certify that they are not a party to a MFTRP.
- Must be created in SciENcv.
PAPPG (NSF 24-1) Biographical Sketch

- NSF’s implementation is fully compliant with the data elements specified in both Common Forms.
- Page limitation has been removed from the biographical sketch.
- Synergistic Activities
  - Removed as an element of the biographical sketch.
  - It must be included as a separate upload for each senior/key person in Research.gov.
  - May be up to one page that includes a list of up to five distinct examples that demonstrate the broader impact of the individual’s professional and scholarly activities that focus on the integration and transfer of knowledge as well as its creation.
# NSF Common Disclosure Forms Implementation Instructions

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<td>• Products – Provide a list of up to five products most closely related to the proposed project and up to five other significant products.</td>
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Current and Pending (Other) Support

- Required for each individual identified as a senior/key person.
- Used to assess the capacity or any conflicts of commitment that may impact the ability of the individual to carry out the research effort as proposed.
- Information helps assess any potential scientific and budgetary overlap/duplication with the project being proposed.
- Must certify that they are not a party to a MFTRP
- Must be created in SciENcv.

**PAPPG (NSF 24-1)**

**Current and Pending (Other) Support Common Form**

November 1, 2023

The individual agrees to update this disclosure at the request of the Federal research funding agency prior to the award of support and at any subsequent time the agency determines appropriate during the term of the award. (Refer to the Federal research funding agency’s policy on updating award support).

**Instructions for Submission of the Current and Pending (Other) Support Common Form**

Current and pending (other) support information is used to assess the capacity or any conflicts of commitment that may impact the ability of the individual to carry out the research effort as proposed. The information also helps assess any potential scientific and budgetary overlap/duplication with the project being proposed.

This document provides instructions on submission of current and pending (other) support information for each individual identified as a senior/key person on a Federally funded research project.

A separate submission must be provided for each proposal and active project, as well as in-kind contributions using the instructions and format specified below. Note that there is no page limitation for this section of the application, though some fields have character limitations for consistency and equity.

Consulting activities must be disclosed under the proposals and active projects sections of the form when any of the following scenarios apply:

- The consulting activity will require the senior/key person to perform research as part of the consulting activity.
- The consulting activity does not involve performing research, but is related to the senior/key person’s research portfolio and may have the ability to impact funding, alter time or effort commitments, or otherwise impact scientific integrity.
- The consulting entity has provided a contract that requires the senior/key person to conceal or withhold confidential financial or other ties between the senior/key person and the entity, irrespective of the duration of the engagement.

Consistent with NSPM-33, individuals are required to disclose contracts associated with participation in programs sponsored by foreign governments, instrumentalties, or entities, including foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment programs. If individuals receive direct or indirect support that is funded by a foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment program, even where the support is provided through an intermediary and does not require membership in the foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment program, that support must be disclosed. Individuals must also report other foreign government sponsored or affiliated activities. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 19232, individuals are prohibited from being a party to a malicious foreign talent recruitment program.

\[\text{In accordance with the NSPM-33 Implementation Guidance, senior/key persons typically do not include graduate students.}\]
PAPPG (NSF 24-1)  
Summary of Changes

• Proposals that may impact the resources or interests of a federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native Tribal Nation (Tribal Nation) will not be awarded by NSF without the prior written approval from the designated official(s) from the relevant tribe(s).

• For these purposes, references to “resources or interests of a Tribal Nation” are limited to resources and interests connected to Tribal Nation lands or those aspects of Tribal life that are within the domain of a Tribal Nation, (including, but not limited to, Tribal languages and subsistence rights on Tribal Nation lands) as opposed to individual Tribal Nation members.

• New Proposal Preparation Instructions:
  • New checkbox on the Cover Sheet to indicate if there are “Potential Impacts on Tribal Nations”
  • Proposers seeking funding for such proposals must provide at least one of the following at time of proposal submission:
    (i) A copy of the written request to the Tribal Nation for the activities that require review and approval;
    (ii) Prior to award, a written confirmation from the Tribal Nation(s) that review and approval is not required; or
    (iii) A document providing the requisite approval.
NSF’s Uniform Guidance Implementation Plan

• NSF will take a two-pronged approach for implementation
  • Revision of the Grant General Conditions (GC-1) to add institutions of higher education and research non-profit organizations.
  • GC-1 will be applied to any new award or funding amendment on an existing award made on or after October 1, 2024.
  • Revision of the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG)
    • NSF will incorporate advisory language in the current 2024 version advising users that 2 CFR 200 takes precedence.
    • NSF will incorporate necessary revisions into the 2025 PAPPG issuance.
NSF Outreach Opportunities

• **Spring 2024 NSF Grants Conference**
  - June 3-5 in Philadelphia, PA
  - In-person and virtual options

• **NSF Policy Office Webinar Series**
  - Common Forms Webinar from April 25th

• **Resource Center**
  - On-demand presentations – searchable by topic and year

For on-demand opportunities and to be notified of upcoming events:

[https://nsfpolicyoutreach.com/](https://nsfpolicyoutreach.com/)
**Information Resources**

- Join the NSF **System Updates listserv** to receive the latest Research.gov system enhancement information and FastLane decommissioning news! Sign up by sending a blank email to: system_updates-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov
- **Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals** page
- **FastLane Decommissioning** page
- **Grants.gov Proposal Processing in Research.gov** page
- NSF Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support websites
- Research.gov **About Account Management** page
- Research.gov Account Management – Reviewer page
- Research.gov About Proposal Preparation and Submission page
- Research.gov About Supplemental Funding Request Preparation and Submission page
- Research.gov Proposal Preparation Demo Site *(You will be prompted to sign into Research.gov if you are not already signed in.)*
- Research.gov Supplemental Funding Request Demo Site *(You will be prompted to sign into Research.gov if you are not already signed in.)*

Resources for LaTeX Users: https://github.com/nsf-open/nsf-proposal-latex-samples
Additional Resources

- Policy Office Website
- PAPPG (NSF 24-1)
- FAQs On Proposal Preparation and Award Administration
- NSTC Pre-award and Post-award Disclosures Relating to the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support
- Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence Technology in the NSF Merit Review Process
QUESTIONS?

• Policy Office Website
  https://nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/

• NSF Staff Directory
  https://nsf.gov/staff/

• Career Opportunities | National Science Foundation
  https://new.nsf.gov/careers
NIH Budget Updates

• On March 23, 2024, President Biden signed the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-47), into law.

• In April, NIH issued several important Guide Notices:
  • NOT-OD-24-110, Notice of Legislative Mandates in Effect for FY 2024
  • NOT-OD-24-109, Notice of Fiscal Policies in Effect for FY 2024
  • NOT-OD-24-057, Guidance on Salary Limitation for FY 2024
    • Effective January 1, 2024, the salary limitation for Executive Level II is $221,900.
  • NOT-OD-24-104, Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2024
    • Largest increase to stipend levels and training-related expenses in recent years

NIH Grants Policy Statement (NIHGPS) Update

- **NOT-OD-24-115**, NIH released the FY24 NIHGPS in April 2024.
  - Applies to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods beginning on or after **October 1, 2023**.
  - The current version of the NIHGPS, in both HTML and PDF formats, as well as previous versions of the NIHGPS and documents summarizing significant changes implemented with each revision, are available on the [NIH Grants Policy](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/) website.

- On April 22, 2024, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published revisions to 2 CFR Part 200 (now called the [OMB Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance](https://www.whitehouse.gov)).
  - The OMB effective date for the final guidance is October 1, 2024.
  - These changes will be incorporated into the **FY25 NIHGPS within the first quarter of FY2025 (October 2024 – January 2025)**

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer Research (STTR) Extension Act of 2022

- **NOT-OD-23-139** covers the Implementation of the NIH SBIR and STTR Foreign Disclosure Pre-Award and Post-Award Requirements.
  - Due diligence program to assess security risks and denial of award when foreign relationships or commitments with countries of concern pose a significant risk as provided in the SBIR and STTR Extension Act of 2022.
  - Effective for SBIR and STTR applications submitted for due dates on or after September 5, 2023.
  - Disclosure of all funded and unfunded relationships with foreign countries is required for all owners and “covered individuals”.
  - Submitted via the “Required Disclosures of Foreign Affiliations or Relationships to Foreign Countries” form during the Just-in-Time process.
  - Disclosure form is available on NIH’s Required Disclosures of Foreign Affiliations or Relationships to Foreign Countries web page.

Learn more: NOT-OD-23-139; SEED Foreign Disclosure and Risk Management; Public Law No: 117-183; and FAQs
NIH Peer Review – Simplified Review Framework

- **NOT-OD-24-010**, Simplified Review Framework (SRF) for NIH Research Project Grant Applications
- Effective for applications with **due dates on or after January 25, 2025**.
  - Summer 2025 peer review
  - October 2025 Advisory Council
- Applies to most research project grant (RPG) activity codes.

Learn more: [NOT-OD-24-010](https://example.com/not-od-24-010) and [Simplifying Review of Research Project Grant Applications](https://example.com/simplifying-review).
Changes to the NIH Fellowship Application and Review Process

• On April 18, 2024, NIH issued NOT-OD-24-107, Implementation of Revisions to the NIH Fellowship Application and Review Process.
  • Reorganizes the five current scored review criteria and redefines them in three scored criteria
  • Updates PHS Fellowship Supplemental Form to align with restructured criteria
  • Revises instructions for Reference Letters
• Effective for application submissions with due dates after January 25, 2025
• Applicable to programs using the activity codes: F30, F31, F32, F33, and F99/K00

Learn more: NOT-OD-24-107, Revisions to the NIH Fellowship Application and Review Process, FAQs.
NIH Guidance on Marking Changes in Resubmission Applications


• Effective **May 25, 2024**:  
  • The use of markups should not be used to identify changes in Resubmission applications.  
  • Changes made to a resubmission application should only be outlined in the Introduction attachment.  
    • Must include a summary of substantial additions, deletions, and changes to the application.  
    • Must include a response to weaknesses raised in the Summary Statement.  
    • Unless otherwise indicated in the Table of Page Limits, the Introduction may not exceed one page.

Learn more: NOT-OD-24-061.
Increases to Childcare Subsidies for NRSA Fellowships and Training Grants

• On April 23, 2024 NIH announced a $500 increase in childcare subsidies for scholars supported on NIH Kirschstein National Research Service Awards
  • NRSA fellows may request $3000 (up from $2500) in FY24.
  • Increase is applicable to all FY24 NRSA awards
  • NIH will revise eligible training and fellowship awards that were issued prior to this announcement to reflect the increase in support

Learn more: Increases for National Research Service Award Stipends and Childcare Subsidies – NIH Extramural Nexus
Simplified Review Framework (SRF) Updates

  • Updates applicable activity codes:
    • Added: R21/R33, UH2/UH3, UG3/UH3, R61/R33
    • Removed: DP1, DP2, DP3, DP4, and DP5

• No form changes associated with the SRF initiative; however, applicants will need to use FORMS-I packages for applications with due dates on or after January 25, 2025.

• New and reissued SRF NOFOs may be initially posted without an application forms package. In these cases, application forms and associated application instructions will be added at least 30 days and, frequently 60 days or more, prior to the first due date. See NOT-OD-24-086.

Coming Soon: FORMS-I

• Effective for applications submitted for due dates **on or after January 25, 2025.**

• FORMS-I will incorporate updates related to multiple NIH initiatives:
  • Improvements to the NIH Fellowship Application and Review Process.
  • Updates to NRSA Training Grant Applications.
  • Adoption of the Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support for submission of applications and RPPRs by May 2025.

• FORMS-I application guide and forms packages will be available in Fall 2024.

• Stay tuned for continued communications on these efforts and outreach activities in the coming months!

Learn more: [NOT-OD-24-086](#).
Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support

• Planned NIH Implementation Plan:
  • Effective for all applications and RPPRs submitted on or after May 25, 2025, Applicants/Recipients must use the Common Forms for both Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support.
  • Applicants/Recipients will be required to use Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae (SciENcv) for completing and certifying the Common Forms.
  • SciENcv will generate a digitally certified PDF for use in application submission.
  • NIH will have a separate supplement form to collect the three required agency specific data elements (i.e., Personal Statement, Contributions to Science and Honors) to adhere our Peer Review Regulations at 42 Code Federal Regulations Part 52.

• Reminder: Until the Common Forms are fully adopted, NIH requires applicants and recipients to use the current NIH Biosketch and Other Support formats for applications, Just-in-Time (JIT) Reports, and Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs).
  • Electronic signatures and supporting documentation are required.
  • Failure to follow the appropriate formats may cause NIH to withdraw applications from or delay consideration of funding.

Send inquiries to: nihosbiosketch@nih.gov
Retirement of the eRA Commons Quick Queries Page

• Effective **Monday June 3, 2024**, the Commons Quick Queries will be retired.

• Access to the same data for a persons’ organization is available to affiliated account holders in [eRA Commons](https://era Commons).

• NIH encourages applicants and recipients to take full advantage of other eRA tools in Commons Status and Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) to access Award related information.

• In addition, NIH encourages the use of RePORTER to obtain desired information related to Organizations along with a variety of other grant related topics.

Learn more: [NOT-OD-24-111](https://NOT-OD-24-111).
Retrospective Review of Single Audits

• NIH released a new system for evaluating risk based on single audit data. During the transition period, NIH utilized an informational term to ensure awards could be issued without delay.

• Some awards may have a term added to their awards identifying that, based on the outcome of the retrospective review, NIH may unilaterally take administrative action to safeguard NIH funds in accordance with the NIH Grants Policy Statement (GPS), Section 8.5.1, Specific Award Conditions – Modification of the Terms of Award.
  • The presence of this term does not indicate that NIH is moving toward enforcement action.

• NIH is looking at its processes in this regard and will keep the community apprised of next steps.

• Single audit requirements are summarized in NIH GPS Section 8.4.3, Audit.
Unilateral Closeout Reporting


• NIH will initiate unilateral closeout for all awards that fail to meet closeout requirements within one year after the end of the project period end date.

• NIH is required to submit Responsibility/Qualification determinations for any entities that do not submit all required closeout reports within one year of the period of performance end date (2 C.F.R. § 200.344(i)). Additionally, NIH is required to close these awards with the information available within one year of the period of performance end date (2 C.F.R. § 200.344(h)).

• Recipients may comment on the report displayed on SAM.gov via the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) to provide a public statement in response to NIH’s report (2 C.F.R. § 200.341(b)(4)).

• The Responsibility/Qualification record will remain in SAM.gov for 5 years.
NIH Listservs

  https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/listserv.htm

- Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP):
  https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/index.html

- Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW):
  https://olaw.nih.gov/

- eRA News: https://www.era.nih.gov/about-era/get-connected.htm

- Virtual NIH Grants Conference and Events:
  https://grants.nih.gov/learning-center/conference
NIH OER Virtual Webinars

- **Upcoming NIH Grants Events**
  - Subscribe to NIH Grants Events to keep informed at [OER Listservs and RSS Feeds](#).

**Webinars**

The NIH Office of Extramural Research provides webinars on a variety of topics to help provide additional information on current or new policies and processes in a more interactive format for the extramural research community. If participating in a live webinar doesn’t fit your schedule, there will always be a recording and transcript following the event as additional resources.

FREE! Registration is required for most live events and space can fill quickly. SCROLL DOWN FOR UPCOMING & RECENT WEBINAR INFO. Additional OER Program-Specific Webinars available in separate listings below:

- 2023 NIH Grants Conference and PreCon Events
- NIH Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Contact & Engage
- NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare Workshops & Conferences
- SEED Events (for the innovator community)

### Upcoming Virtual Events

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Questions

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• Division of Extramural Inventions and Technology Resources: Inventions@nih.gov

• OPERA FFR Center: OPERAFFRInquiries@od.nih.gov
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- Materials & Manufacturing (RX)
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- Space Vehicles (RV)
AFRL/AFOSR Mission & Span of Influence

**AFOSR’s Mission** is to Discover, Shape, Champion, and Transition High Risk Basic Research to profoundly impact the future Air and Space Force

**Core Mission** - With a broad, long-term perspective, we identify areas for investment and collaboration to advance the Department of the Air Force’s (DAF) research and development enterprise across the full spectrum of air, space, and cyber operations. We build bridges to the world’s most prestigious universities and talented researchers to enhance partnerships and provide revolutionary science and technology discoveries to the Warfighter.

**Span of Influence** - 60+ World-class Subject Matter Experts manage 1,600+ grants at over 300 leading academic institutions across 50 states and 65 countries, 150 industry-based contracts, and more than 230 internal AFRL research efforts.

*Inherent in our mission, we strive to strengthen and shape the Science and Engineering talent pipeline through targeted outreach, research, internships, and fellowship programs to include a focus on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions. Fund DAF’s K-12 STEM Outreach at 30+ bases supporting 500+ competitions!*
How We Work

**FIND**
- **33** Program Officers (POs), **21** International Program Officers (IPOs) and **5** Program Managers (PMs) reaching scientists & engineers globally

**FORM**
- **Shape** emerging science into high-performing teams and portfolios that address long-term basic science barriers to future DAF capabilities

**FUND**
- **1,600+** extramural research grants at **189** US universities in **45** states
- **200+** intramural research grants at AFRL Technical Directorates (TDs) & Air Force Institute of Technology
- **340+** international grants in **47** countries on **6** continents

*Data as of Aug 2023

**FORWARD**
- **Transition** through AFRL TDs, Small Business Innovation Research & Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR)
AFRL/AFOSR Granting Process
# AFRL/AFOSR Science & Technology Portfolio Areas

**Engineering and Complex Systems**
- Dynamic Materials and Interactions
- GHZ-THz Electronics
- Energy, Combustion, and Non-Equilibrium Thermodynamics
- Unsteady Aerodynamics and Turbulent Flows
- High-Speed Aerodynamics
- Aerospace Composite Materials
- Multiscale Structural Mechanics and Prognosis
- Propulsion and Power
- Agile Science of Test and Evaluation (T&E)

**Information and Networks**
- Computational Cognition and Machine Intelligence
- Computational Mathematics
- Dynamical Systems and Control Theory
- Dynamic Data and Information Processing
- Information Assurance and Cybersecurity
- Mathematical Optimization
- Science of Information, Computation, Learning, and Fusion
- Trust and Influence
- Complex Networks
- Cognitive and Computational Neurosciences

**Physical Sciences**
- Aerospace Materials for Extreme Environments
- Atomic and Molecular Physics
- Electromagnetics
- Condensed Matter Physics
- Optoelectronics and Photonics
- High Energy Radiation-Matter Systems (HERMeS)
- Quantum Information Sciences
- Physics of Remote Sensing
- Space Physics
- Ultrashort Pulse Laser-Matter Interactions
- Astrodynamics

**Chemistry and Biological Sciences**
- Biophysics
- Human Performance and Biosystems
- Mechanics of Multifunctional Materials and Microsystems
- Molecular Dynamics and Theoretical Chemistry
- Natural Materials and Systems
- Organic Materials Chemistry
- Space Biosciences

- Outlines research areas of interest
How We Accomplish Our Mission

Technology Transition
- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program
- Partnerships for Transition

Basic Research Traditional Grants
All qualified, responsible organizational applicants from academia, the non-profit sector, and industry are eligible to submit research proposals.

Strengthening Academic Research Capabilities
- Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI) Program
- Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP)
- Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE)

Strengthening Air & Space Force Research Capabilities
- US Air Force Academy Program
- Summer Faculty Fellowship Program (SFFP)/Science & Technology Fellowship Program (STFP)

Workforce Development
- Awards to Stimulate and Support Undergraduate Research Experiences (ASSURE)
- National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program (NDSEG)
- Pre K-12 STEM

Expanding Air & Space Force Academic Reach
- Young Investigator Program (YIP)
- Historically Black Colleges & Universities/Minority Serving Institutions (HBCU/MSI) Program
- AFRL Basic Research National Science Portals (NSPs)

Diversified investment strategy for maximum discovery potential
How to Work with Us

Scope and Draft Idea Statement

• Statement doesn’t have to be all-inclusive, but should address the unique value proposition of the research.

• Statement needs to be specific enough that it catches the interest of the Program Officer.
How to Work with Us
Connect with a Program Officer

• At this point, some Program Officers will want a specifically formatted white paper

• Others will want to have a conversation
  • In person
  • Over the phone
  • Via email

• If the idea seems promising, a Program Officer will initiate an ongoing dialogue setting expectations and explaining the process for full proposal submission.
How to Work with Us
Determine the Correct Funding Mechanism

• There are many different mechanisms for universities to obtain basic research grant funding:
  • Traditional grants
  • University Research Initiatives (i.e. Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI), Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP))
  • Special Programs (i.e. HBCU/MSI, Young Investigator Program (YIP), Presidential Early Career Awards for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE))

• Traditional grants can be awarded year-round from the general Broad Agency Announcement
• Other opportunities have specific deadlines
Connect with Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL)

AFRL Opportunities

- AFRL Student & Faculty Opportunities
- Grants.Gov

Air Force & Space Force Tech Connect

- AFResearchLab
- Air Force Research Laboratory - AFRL
- AFresearchlab
- AFRResearchLab
Connect with AFRL/AFOSR

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Grants Policy Updates

Upcoming changes to the Structure of NASA Grants and Cooperative Agreement Manual (GCAM)

- The GCAM is currently undergoing a review to ensure the policies outlined throughout the manual are exclusively applicable to grant applicants and recipients, making it a comprehensive resource for navigating the different phases of the grants lifecycle. The following revisions will be made to the GCAM:
  - Consolidation of the Proposers’ Guide – (The proposers’ guide will become obsolete once all content and guidance are in the GCAM)
  - Removal of all policies internal to NASA personnel
  - Updated policies based on latest 2CFR Revisions
  - Standalone Terms & Conditions (T&Cs) Template – Outlines the terms and conditions, providing users with easy access to T&Cs that are applicable to NASA grants.
  - GCAM and Terms and Conditions template are expected to be published in October and will be accessible on the Grants Policy webpage.

New Trainings & Information Sessions Available on the NASA Grant & Cooperative Agreement YouTube Playlist

- Dual Anonymous Peer Review Townhall – Discuss NASA’s Science Mission Directorate implementation of Dual Anonymous Peer Review
- NASA Award Closeout Training – Provides an overview of closeout activities, and best practices for ensuring timely closeout as prescribed in the 2CFR200 and GCAM.
- Payment Management System - Federal Financial Report Use of PMS and proper submission of semi-annual reporting

Delay in the submission of SF(425) Federal Financial Reports

- Due to a system error in the Payment Management System (PMS), NASA grant recipients were prevented from submitting their SF-425 on April 30th.
- Due date was modified to May 22, 2024, to allow NASA recipients the full 30 days to submit their report.
- Refer to PMS website: https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/nasa.html for additional information
OSTP Guidance on the Use of Common forms

- NASA completed and submitted its implementation plan to OSTP on May 10th, with an anticipated effective date of October 1, 2024. The plan outlines NASA’s approach to adopting the common forms mandated by NSPM-33. This will include deviations and electronic implementation strategies.

- Following OSTPs review and approval, NASA will release its biographical sketch and Current Pending Support policy in the Federal Register for public comment, obtain OMB approval on NASA-specific version of the disclosure forms and begin requiring all applicants to utilize the forms.
Science Mission Directorate (SMD)
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What Happens When a No Cost Extension (NCE) is Incomplete or Submitted Late to the Grants Officers @ the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC)?

- Since the January 2024 FDP, SMD at NASA Headquarters, DC, has received complaints from Principal Investigators (PIs) who were denied no cost extensions (NCE) by the NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC).

- The NSSC rejects NCEs for a variety of reasons. For example, the NSSC has started rejecting some NCEs that they received 1) prior to an award’s end date but 2) later than 10 calendar days prior to the end date, for example, minutes after midnight on the 9th day prior to the end date.

- When a grant or cooperative agreement nears the end of the period of performance (POP) and there is original scope to complete and existing budget available, a NCE may be requested to extend the POP by up to twelve months.

- Both the initial notification, and any subsequent NCE requests, MUST use the NSSC’s on-line form [https://www3.nasa.gov/centers/nssc/forms/grantcooperative-agreement-no-cost-extension-request](https://www3.nasa.gov/centers/nssc/forms/grantcooperative-agreement-no-cost-extension-request)

- Failure to submit the necessary documentation and progress report to the NSSC in a timely way may result in non-acceptance of the request or other enforcement actions as provided in 2 CFR 200.339.
SMD’s Dual-Anonymous Peer Review (DAPR) Update

- SMD seeks to review of grant proposals in an innovative, equitable and fair manner via dual-anonymous peer review (DAPR). Under DAPR proposers are not informed of the identity of the review panel members and the panelists are not told the identities of the proposers until after the evaluation and rating of all proposals is complete.

- The objective of dual-anonymous peer review is to minimize the impact of implicit or unconscious bias in the evaluation of the merit of a proposal.

- SMD has applied DAPR only to panels. SMD seeks to expand DAPR to non-panel reviews, such as for the forthcoming graduate student opportunity entitled: “F.5 Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST).” A preliminary FINESST-24 draft notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is posted to the NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES) FINESST page at: https://go.nasa.gov/finesst24. Email comments on the FINESST draft to hq-finesst@mail.nasa.gov

- For additional details, including videos from DAPR briefings, visit https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/dual-anonymous-peer-review/

- General questions regarding DAPR may be directed to Douglas Hudgins douglas.m.hudgins@nasa.gov and cc sara@nasa.gov/
Research Opportunities in Space and Earth Science (ROSES-24)

- February 2024 SMD issued its annual “omnibus” broad agency announcement known as a NASA Research Announcement (NRA) that contains multiple, individual calls for proposals, (also called Program Elements or Appendices)
- ROSES is a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- ROSES mostly seeks grant/cooperative agreement proposals, and may accept proposals for interagency funding and contracts
- Some programs (13) have no fixed due dates and review proposals on a rolling basis. Most programs have due dates.
- Each ROSES-24 competition has its own title, e.g., F.9 Citizen Science Seed Funding Program and a page on “NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES) and NOFO abstracts are posted on Grant.gov.
- Find links to a specific funding program via these lists shown 1) in due date order at https://solicitation.nasaprs.com/ROSES2024table2; and 2) in appendix order, e.g., All “Earth Science” funding opportunities start with the letter “A” at https://solicitation.nasaprs.com/ROSES2024table3
In addition to program calls, ROSES-2024 has rich descriptive information in its Summary of Solicitation (SOS) and 5 division-specific research overviews plus 1-multi or cross-divisional research (A.1, B.1…)

Email ROSES-2024 SOS questions to Max Bernstein at SARA@nasa.gov

Some (not all) ROSES-24 programs are piloting a required Inclusion Plan. A work-in-progress webpage with resources to support writing, revision, and implementation of a ROSES Inclusion Plan is located at https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/inclusion#general

All SMD proposals align to the Science 2020-2024: A Vision for Scientific Excellence - 2023 Update. This update reflects on recent SMD achievements and connections inside the directorate, across NASA, and among external communities and stakeholders. Our focus on exploration, innovation, and interconnectivity continues. The current and past SMD science plans are located at https://science.nasa.gov/about-us/science-strategy/
REGISTER for the June 6, 2024 Webinar -- SMD Research Initiation Awards (RIA) Overview -- 1-2:30 p.m. Eastern Time

- RIA proposals must be relevant to SMD’s research goals. The proposed investigation(s) may be analytical, experimental, observational, computational, theoretical, or use data analytical approaches. Due Date: August 15, 2024.

- An RIA award, including indirect costs, must not exceed $300,000 for a duration of 24 months, and the funding may be split in uneven amounts for each of the two years. This program will evaluate proposals using dual-anonymous peer review.

- To receive the Zoom connection information register at https://nasa-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_pSKzagdRQNeeedw19seGFA#/registration

- Submit anonymous, public question on-line before or during the webinar at https://nasa.cnf.io/sessions/px8b/#!/dashboard

- Email F.19 RIA questions to Maggie Yancey at hq-smd-ria@mail.nasa.gov
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NASA’s Office of Technology, Policy, and Strategy (OTPS) invites response to a new Lunar Non-Interference Questionnaire by June 7, 2024.


- There is no consensus in the lunar scientific or technical community on key questions such as the breadth of interference and contamination concerns, etc.

- The Questionnaire is at https://www.nasa.gov/organizations/otps/otps-seeks-input-from-the-lunar-community-to-inform-a-framework-for-further-work-on-non-interference-of-lunar-activities/. There is no funding or solicitation expected to follow.

- Direct questions to Therese Jones, Senior Policy Advisor OTPS, NASA Headquarters. Email: HQ-OTPS-Applications@mail.nasa.gov
Upcoming Funding Opportunities and Initiatives
2024 Gateways to Blue Skies Competition Forum at NASA’s Ames Research Center – 8 teams that were chosen as finalists will be presenting to a panel of judges on their 8-10-page final technical paper and talk to their infographic poster summarizing their concept on Advancing Aviation for Natural Disasters at NASA’s Ames Research Center. This event is normally available to stream and watch by the public. https://blueskies.nianet.org/ will have a link to livestream on days of event.

University Student Research Challenge (USRC) Q&A/Info Session and Proposal Workshop – Info session about ARMD UI opportunity for student teams to propose project ideas and receive up to $80k in funding. Tips and best practices are also shared during this session.

Upcoming ULI Tech Talks – Upcoming series of Tech Talks presented by universities conducting research through ARMD’s University Leadership Initiative (ULI) is TBD; however, video recordings of past tech talks are accessible at https://uli.arc.nasa.gov/talks/
Office of STEM Engagement (OSTEM)

- **MUREP Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners of Underrepresented Discoverers in Engineering and Science (INCLUDES)** – MUREP INCLUDES implements activities explicitly to heighten students’ engineering skills; develops a pool of engineers in fields relevant to NASA; empower students into transitioning into engineering degrees through bridging programs, and capstone projects; and disseminates MSI-led coalitions successes through conference papers/journal/publication.
  - **Proposals Due - June 6, 2024**
  - **Eligibility:** All proposals shall originate from an institution designated and listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) [https://msiexchange.nasa.gov/pdf/2023-2024%20MSI%20List.pdf](https://msiexchange.nasa.gov/pdf/2023-2024%20MSI%20List.pdf)

- **Space Grant Opportunities in NASA STEM FY2025-2028** – solicits proposals for the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program (Space Grant) Space Grant Opportunities in NASA STEM FY2025-2028. Each funded proposal is expected to define a comprehensive consortium program devoted to increasing student and youth’s understanding of space and aeronautics and to executing the assessment, development, and utilization of resources to bolster the STEM pipeline for aerospace. The funding opportunity is intended to provide four years of funding via an educational cooperative agreement.
  - **Proposals Due - July 10, 2024**
  - **Eligibility:** Proposals will only be accepted from the lead institution of Space Grant consortia in each state along with the District and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. For a list of eligible Space Grant lead institutions and Space Grant Directors, visit: [https://www.nasa.gov/stem/spacegrant/home/Space_Grant_Consortium_Websites.html](https://www.nasa.gov/stem/spacegrant/home/Space_Grant_Consortium_Websites.html)
Early-Stage Innovations 2024 (ESI24):

- This specific Appendix is one of five calls for proposals from STMD’s Space Technology Research Grants (STRG) Program: https://www.nasa.gov/space-technology-research-grants/
- Solicitation seeks proposals on specific space technologies that are currently at low Technology Readiness Levels (TRL).
- **Topic:** Computational Materials Engineering for Lunar Metals Welding with a goal to advance the state of the art for in-space assembly and manufacturing (ISAM) metals welding processes through computational physics-based materials engineering
  - **Proposals Due: June 6, 2024**

For Future Opportunities: Visit: https://www.nasa.gov/stmd-solicitations-and-opportunities/
Helpful Links and Resources
Links & Resources


- **NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES)** – Official NASA system used for posting Notice of Funding Opportunities, receiving, evaluating and selecting proposals: [https://nspires.nasa.gov](https://nspires.nasa.gov)

- **Grant Policy and Compliance webpage** – Includes list of grants related regulations and guidance, Resources & Training, Points of Contacts, and FAQs: [https://www.nasa.gov/offices/procurement/gpc](https://www.nasa.gov/offices/procurement/gpc)

- **NASA Shared Services Center** – Includes useful information and resources for grantees (i.e., grant status, required documentation for award packages, etc..) [https://www.nasa.gov/centers/nssc/grants](https://www.nasa.gov/centers/nssc/grants)

- **NASA’s MSI Exchange** – Platform used to support the search for innovative academic collaborators by curating STEM offerings and capability statements of MSIs nationwide. The exchange can inform partnerships for teaming opportunities and competitive federal awards such as contracts, cooperative agreements and grants: [https://msiexchange.nasa.gov](https://msiexchange.nasa.gov)
  
  Users are encouraged to register to the MSI exchange mailing list, to receive occasional updates about training, events, funding and student opportunities as well as other ways MSIs can engage with NASA. [https://msiexchange.nasa/subscrib](https://msiexchange.nasa/subscrib)
NIFA Grants Modernization Initiative (update)
Transforming our grants management systems, processes, and policies.

**Context:** Current NIFA grants management systems (CREEMS and ezFedGrants) have reached the end of their lifecycle and require replacement.

**Goal:** Implement a new grants management system, using a Quality Service Management Office (QSMO) service provider, which is used by other federal funding agencies.

**Outcome:** A transformation of NIFA’s grants management system that achieves measurable improvements in efficiency, effectiveness and stakeholder (internal and external) satisfaction.
Phase 1: Select grants management system

Phase 2: Reconcile NIFA’s grants management needs with eRA’s capabilities

Phase 3: Pilot programs and full implementation

Completed

Finishing Now

Coming Soon

2022-2023

2023-2024

2025 & beyond

2023-2024
Schedule of Program Implementation from RFA to Award Announcement (SPIRA)

Enables process transparency & proactive lifecycle management

Collaboratively prepared by NIFA staff (i.e.: OGFM and Program) establishing all annual program schedules

Internal: SPIRA Power App and Dashboard

External: Calendar for Request for Applications

FY 2025 RFA Calendar anticipate release Summer 2025
FY 2024 NIFA Request for Application Status

NIFA currently has 9 Competitive funding opportunities open for applications.

Open Opportunities include:

- FY 2023 AFRI - Education and Workforce Development
- FY 2024 AFRI - Foundational and Applied Science Program
- Agricultural Genome to Phenome Initiative
- New Beginning for Tribal Students Program
- AFRI - Sustainable Agricultural Systems
- Tribal Colleges Extension Program - Special Emphasis
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children Workforce - Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children Workforce – Implementation Projects
- AFRI - Education and Workforce Development (EWD)

Please continue to check our NIFA Website for additional current and new postings.

For information on public facing Webinars pertaining to NIFA Funding Opportunities and other subjects of interest please visit New Webinar Dates and Registration on the NIFA website.
Policy Updates

Current Activities/Status

• 7 CFR 3430 Update to Include Capacity Programs and other adjustments
• Policy Guide Updates/Corrections
• 2 CFR Updates
• Build American, Buy American Implementation
• NSPM-33 Implementation
• Schedule of Program Implementation from RFA to Award Announcement (SPIRA)-Planning FY 2025
• Terms & Conditions Updates
NIFA Federal Assistance Terms & Conditions

Agency-Specific Research
- January 2024 (Update)

Capacity Terms and Conditions
- May 2023 (update)
- Update expected Summer 2024 (similar changes to Research)

Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR)
- January 2023 (update)
- Anticipate Summer 2024 (update in clearance)

1890s Facilities
- May 2022
- Update expected Summer 2024 (update in clearance)

NEW: General Facilities
- Published April 2024
NIFA Policy Guide

The NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide (i.e., the Policy Guide) describes the statutory and regulatory responsibilities of NIFA federally-funded recipients.

The Policy Guide is the central source of NIFA’s administrative guidance for recipients of NIFA grants and partners in cooperative agreements.

Other policy guidance documents are linked throughout the Policy Guide, when applicable.

The Policy Guide is available online at: https://nifa.usda.gov/policy-guide.

Email questions/comments to: PolicyGuide@usda.gov
FY 2024 Policy Guide Updates

- Issued update with minor corrections - July 2023
- Reviewed and Incorporated relevant Stakeholder input
- Updated draft Policy Guide 2024
- Policy Guide updates in clearance
- Anticipate publication late 4th quarter 2024
Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Updates to 2 CFR 200 (2024)

• Updates were finalized and announced on April 4, 2024 – highlights:
  • Reducing overall burden for grant recipients
  • Plain language revisions to improve clarity, consistency, and accessibility
  • Provides new streamlined template for grants announcements
  • The default-(De Minimis) indirect cost raise will increase
  • Increased threshold triggers for certain administrative requirements

NIFA will incorporate any revisions or additions in agency guidance where needed.

2 CFR Changes will be effective October 1, 2024.
7 CFR 3430 Updates

- Add Capacity Program Section
- Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants Program
- Higher Education Challenge Grants Program
- 1890s Institution Capacity Building Grants Program
- Scholarships for Students at 1890 Institutions Program
- Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research Grant (BRAG) Program
- Other edits or corrections
- Update 2 CFR citations
New Data Dashboards

The NIFA Planning, Accountability and Reporting Staff has created two new dashboards that allow users to:

- track the status of their grant application
- get high-level information about NIFA’s grant funding levels and allocations

Both dashboards are part of the agency’s continued investments to:

- modernize internal systems
- ensure transparency
- enhance the customer service experience for our stakeholders and partners

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- [nifa.usda.gov/app-status-dash](nifa.usda.gov/app-status-dash)
- [nifa.usda.gov/grant-funding-dash](nifa.usda.gov/grant-funding-dash)
The Farm Bill (extended)

Every five years, Congress passes legislation that sets national agriculture, nutrition, conservation, and forestry policy, commonly referred to as the “Farm Bill”.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry formally kicked off its process for the 2023 Farm Bill with field hearings in both Michigan and Arkansas in 2022. Hearings continued through 2023.

On Nov. 16, 2023, President Biden signed into law H.R. 6363, the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024, which extended the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, more commonly known as the 2018 Farm Bill. This extension allows authorized programs to continue through Sept. 30, 2024.

The Committee is still in the process of drafting the bill.
Customer Service

Applicant or stakeholder issues with grant application technical assistance contact us at grantapplicationquestions@USDA.gov

Issues with the SAM.gov entity registration/validation process or Grants.gov technical assistance please contact their respective support desks

To reach the NIFA Policy Branch for questions or issues not related directly to the grant application process please use policy@usda.gov
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