
PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN THIS EDITION

On October 30, 2017, NSF issued a revised version of the *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) (NSF 18-1) – effective for all proposals due on or after January 29, 2018. NSF no longer publishes the *Grant Proposal Guide* (GPG) and the *Award and Administration Guide* (AAG) as separate documents.

The changes listed below are pertinent to the preparation of a standard-grant proposal. For a complete list of changes, including those pertaining to other kinds of grant mechanisms (award instruments), please refer to the “Significant Changes and Clarifications to the *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide* (PAPPG)” section at the front of the 2018 PAPPG.

- General: All screen shots and URLs have been updated to reflect current information.
- Chapter 4: Information regarding use of Preliminary Proposals has been updated.
- Chapter 5: The option to prepare and submit certain research proposals in Research.gov will begin in April 2018 has been included.
- Chapter 9: Content has been updated to comply with the new guideline that Project Description must contain separate section labeled Intellectual Merit.
- Chapter 10: Clarification that Program Officers in some Divisions and Directorates do not welcome pre-submission contact with applicants.
- Chapter 11: Clarification that key information necessary for reviewers to evaluate proposed vertebrate animal studies must be included in the Project Description.
- Chapter 12: Results from Prior NSF Support. Clarification of the timeframe during which any PI or Co-PI is required to report on such funding.
- Chapter 15: Budget Justification. The number of pages allowed has been increased from three to five for both applicants and subawardees.
- Chapter 15: Budget line item A, Salary and Wages: Clarification that it’s an institution’s duty to define and consistently apply the term “year,” and to specify this definition in the budget justification.
- Chapter 15: Budget line item I, Indirect Costs: Clarification that indirect cost amounts should be specified under Budget Justification.
- Chapter 17: Collaborators & Other Affiliations (COA) Information. No longer part of the Biographical Sketch. Now NSF requires the use of downloadable COA template.
- Chapter 20: Proposal Preparation Checklist has been updated to include relevant changes to Chapter II of the PAPPG.