

National Science Foundation Proposal and Policy Guide February

Significant Changes to the PAPG
effective February 2014

Summary of Significant Changes

- Format of the Proposal (PI needs to state whether or not it is a collaborative proposal and type of proposal being developed)
- Proposal Certifications (concerning disclosure of Conflict of Interest to NSF)
- Sections of the Proposal (If section not required, proposer should insert text or upload document stating Not Applicable)
- Project Summary (Project summary containing special characters that is submitted as PDF file in the Supplementary documents must be formatted with separate headings)
- Results from Prior NSF Support (accomplishments related to Intellectual merit & Broader impacts must be separately described under two distinct headings)
- Unfunded Collaborations (should be described in the facilities, equipment and other resources section)
- Biographical Sketches (Only include requested Information, otherwise it may result in proposal being returned without review)

Significant Changes Continued

- Products (only if publications are included the heading publications may be used)
- Participant Support (no F&A are allowed on these costs)
- Other Costs (guidance provided on the allowability of visa costs)
- Cost Sharing (cumulative cost sharing amount must be entered on Line M of the 1st year budget. Organization has to meet the cost sharing specified on the 1st year budget prior to the award expiration)
- Special Information & Supplementary Documents (clarification on what to be included in that section)
- Submission of Collaborative Proposals from Multiple Institutions (clarification on what lead institution needs to provide vs what non-lead need to provide)

Clarification on items in the PAPG

- Results from Prior NSF Support (PI received more than one award, PI only needs to report on the one award most closely related to the proposal)
- Biosketches(if Biosketch not required, Proposer should insert text or upload document stating Not Applicable)
- Budget(if not required, need to insert text or upload document stating Not Applicable)
- Current and Pending Support (if not required, proposer should insert text or upload a document stating Not Applicable)

WEBSITE FOR NEW PAPG

- Please visit the following website for the full guide and summary of significant changes:
http://www.nsf.gov/publs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf14001/gpg_sigchanges.jsp