

NSF Proposal & Award Policy Update

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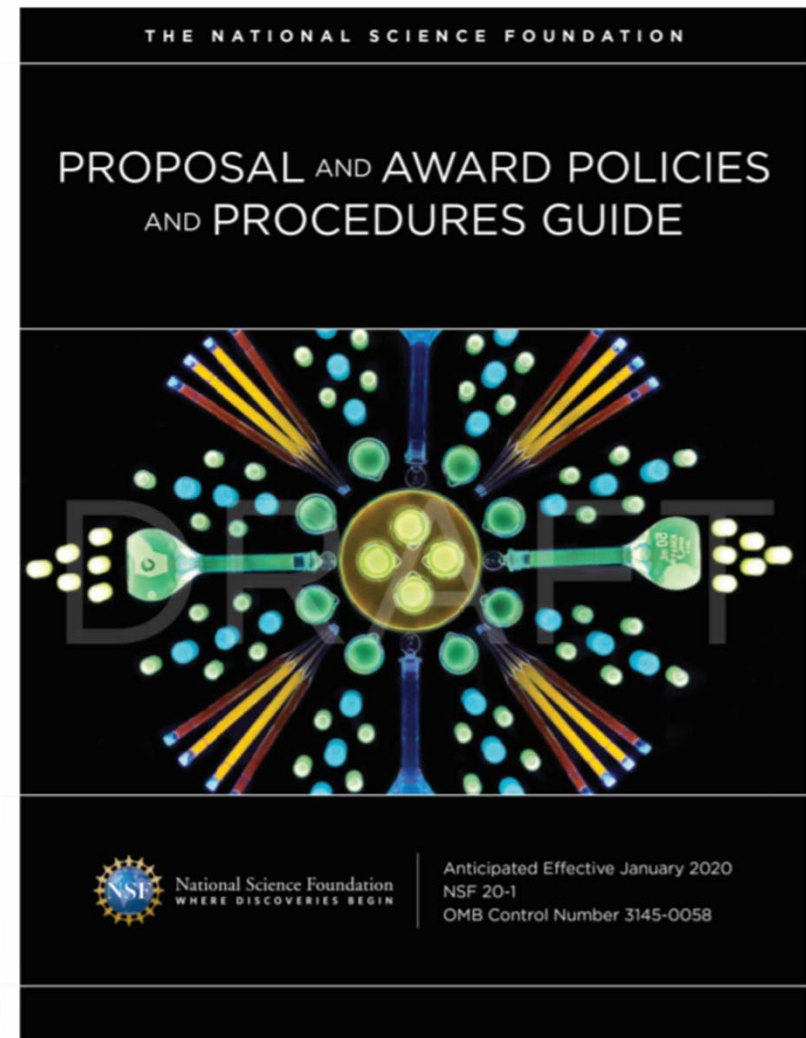
Topics Covered

- Key Dates for 2020 PAPPG
- “*Information Regarding the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide*” (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1)
- Proposed Changes to Biographical Sketch & Current and Pending Support
- Research.gov – Current and Upcoming Capabilities
- NSF Outreach



Key Dates for 2020 PAPPG

- Spring 2019 – Federal Register for public comment
- Comments were submitted in response to proposed changes
- NSF carefully considered comments in preparation of the revised document. The PAPPG was submitted for final review and clearance by OMB, November 2019
- NSF posted “*Information Regarding the Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide*”, December 13, 2019
- The implementation date remains TBD, but will be disseminated widely, when available
- Webinars will be held after posting of the PAPPG to the NSF website to highlight significant changes and clarifications



“Information Regarding the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide” (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1)

- Purpose of Issuance: to highlight important information to assist the community in preparing for this new PAPPG as it relates to the preparation and submission of the Biographical Sketch & Current and Pending Support sections of NSF proposals that fall under this revised PAPPG.
- Major Points:
 - NSF is partnering with NIH to use SciENCv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae as an NSF-approved format for use in preparation of both the Biographical Sketch & Current and Pending Support sections of an NSF proposal.



“Information Regarding the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide” (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1) (Cont’d)

- Major Points (Cont’d)
 - Use of an NSF-approved format for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support documents will be required upon implementation of the PAPPG. NSF is encouraging proposers to begin using SciENCv for preparation of the Biographical Sketch now.
 - SciENCv allows proposers to integrate their ORCiD to enable pre-population for the Biographical Sketch.
 - SciENCv will produce NSF-compliant PDF versions of these documents. Proposers must save these documents and submit them as part of their proposals via FastLane, Research.gov or Grants.gov.
 - NSF and NIH are collaborating on outreach and training materials.



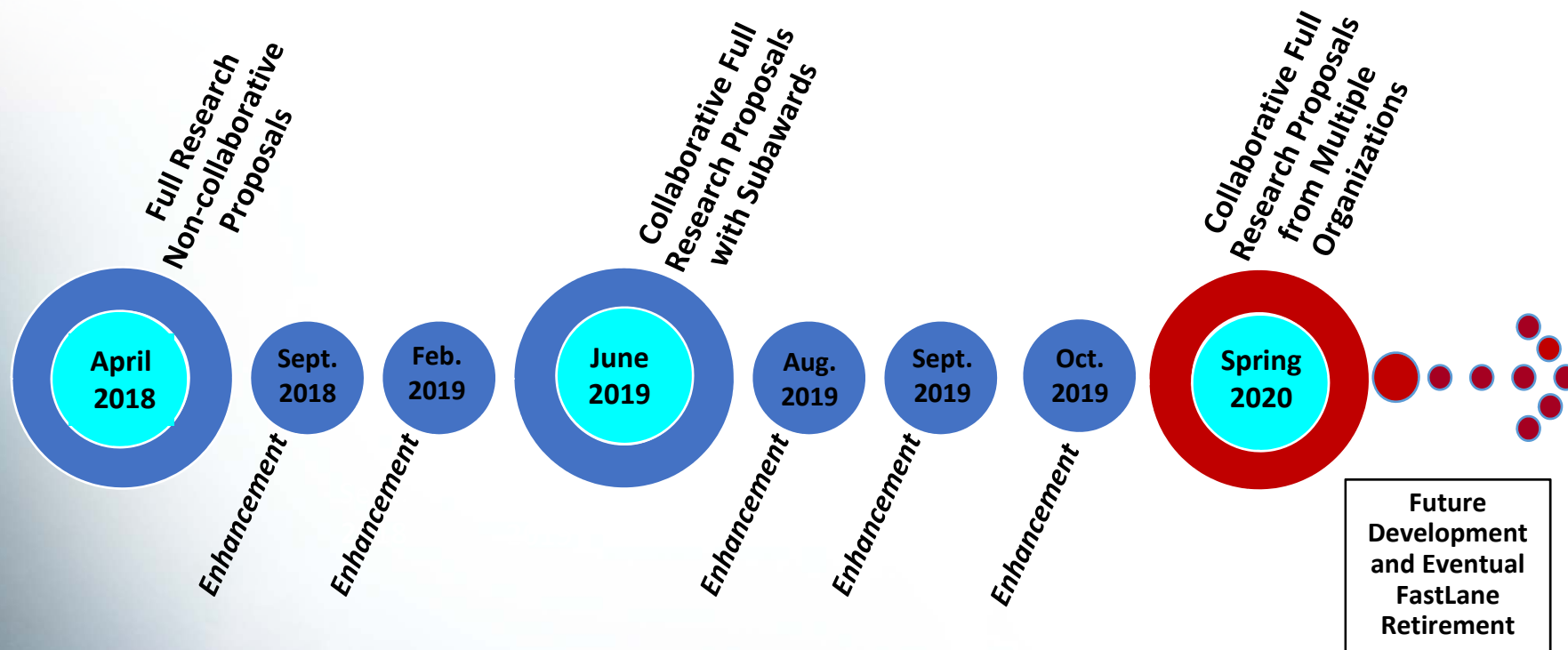
NSF and SciENcv Frequently Asked Questions

- What constitutes an NSF-approved format, and will there be an additional approved format beyond SciENcv?
- Will non-compliant documents receive an error warning in both FastLane and Research.gov?
- Will SciENcv link to NSF systems to retrieve the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support documents?
- In order to move sections around and paginate the documents, is it permissible to save the documents in Word, then create a new PDF?



Proposal Submission in Research.gov – Current and Upcoming Capabilities

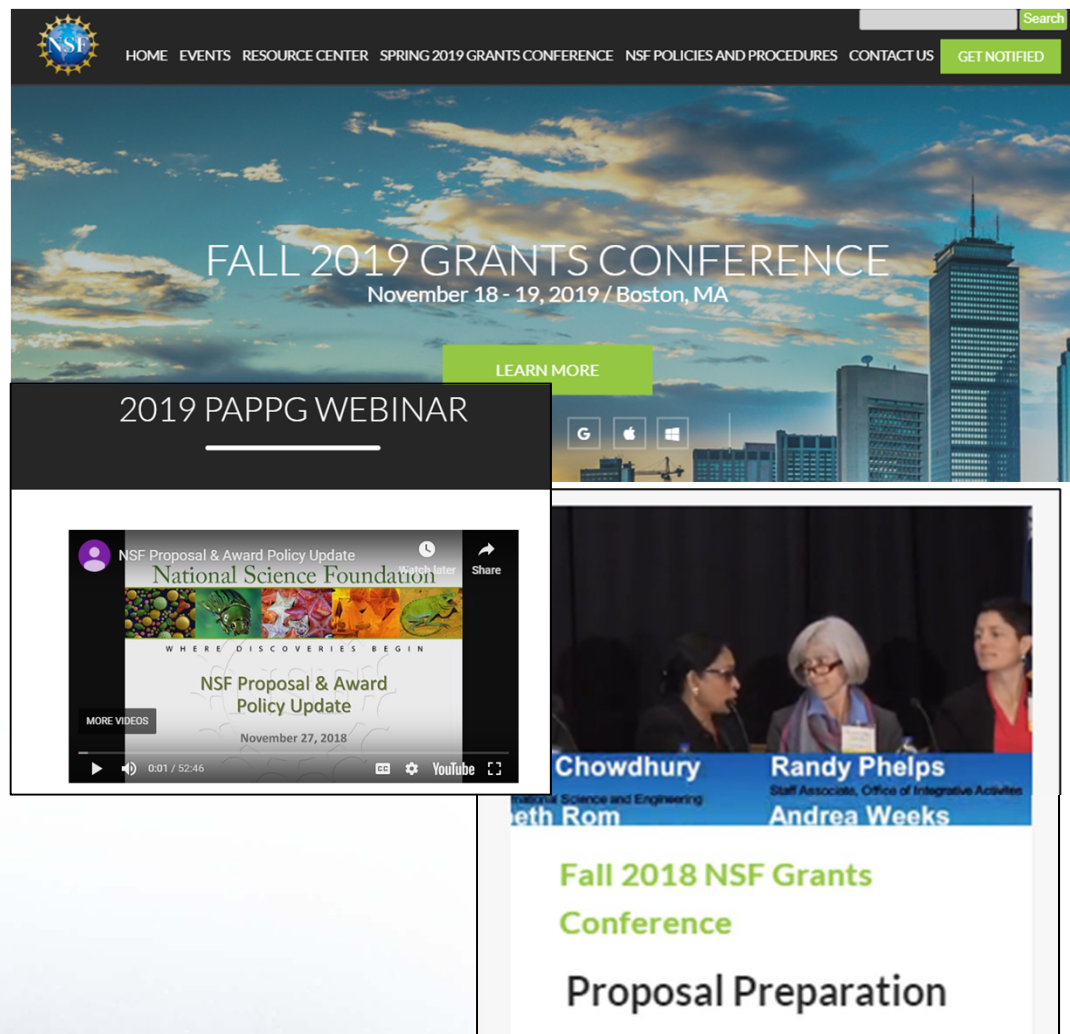
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[Research.gov Proposal System Release Timeline](#)

NSF Outreach

- NSF Grants Conference
 - May 18-19 in Minneapolis
- PAPPG Update Webinars (Coming Soon!)
- NSF Grants Conference Video Library



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