

National Science Foundation IT Modernization

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Recent Changes

- Major changes in Research.gov effective March 26
- Public Access
 - NSF authors who are jointly funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Department of Energy (DOE) can retrieve previously submitted final manuscripts from the DOE system and pull them into NSF-PAR to meet NSF's Public Access requirement
- Account Management Modernization
 - Self registration and profile management in Research.gov
 - New organization registration
 - New role request and authorization
 - FastLane Research Admin User Management Decommissioned





Proposal Preparation

- February 26, 2018 A preview was released to give the community time to become familiar with the new functionality and allow users to provide NSF feedback before launch
 - Initiate full, research non-collaborative proposals (other proposal types are planned for future releases)
 - Add Co-PIs, Senior Personnel, and Other Authorized Users
 - Upload required proposal documents
 - Create budget
 - Check compliance
 - Enable SPO/AOR access for review
- April 30, 2018 Initial launch was released allowing submission for full, research non-collaborative proposals and enabling
 - Proposal File Updates
 - Budget Revisions





Proposal Preparation Preview

- 794 proposals created
- 611 unique users created proposals
- 354 unique institutions created proposals





Preview Changes

- Issues resolved:
 - Personnel with multiple organizations
 - Additional on screen instructions
 - Modifications to OAU access
 - Handling of super and subscripts in the compliance check
- Prioritizing additional enhancements to the document compliance checking





FAQ during the Preview

Where are the Academic and Summer months on the Budget?

 This change was made for greater consistency with the NSF faculty salary policy. All person months should be identified in the calendar months column

Where do I put my page numbers, the system says I can't use the margin?

• The system will automatically paginate the document for you, so no page numbers are required in the uploaded document

I keep getting font size and type issues on my upload!

• We are still tuning our compliance checking algorithm... Check all bullets, equations, captions, tables, super and subscripts

Can I start a proposal in Research.gov and make updates in FastLane (or vice versa)?

• No. A proposal created in one system will not be available in the other

In addition to screen instructions in the application, tips are provided on the FAQ page on Research.gov





Upcoming Proposal Preparation

- Incremental releases will be deployed quarterly after the initial release to expand features
 - Enhancements to Compliance Checking
 - Additional Email Notifications
 - Collaborative Proposals (subawards and multiple orgs)
 - Withdraw/Delete Proposal
 - All proposal documents and forms (e.g. Substitute Negotiator)
 - Additional Proposal Types (e.g. EAGER, RAPID, etc.)
 - Additional Submission Types (e.g. Letters of Intent, ABR, Preproposal)
 - Solicitation-specific proposal sections
 - Data pre-population (e.g. Current and Pending Support)
 - Unique FastLane Modules (e.g. SBIR/STTR, GRFP)





Upcoming in Research.gov

- Administrators can remove legacy personnel who have not completed the onboarding process
- OAU role request in account management
- Expand Account Management to additional accounts (e.g. Reviewers, GRFP applicants, etc)
- Expand Profile with demographic information and data to aid proposal preparation, such as COA
- Standardized Award Notices for grants and cooperative agreements





Questions and Feedback