# National Science Foundation – Update

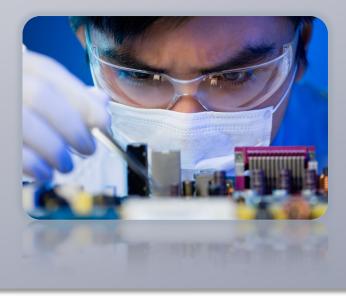
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## **NSF Update - Topics**

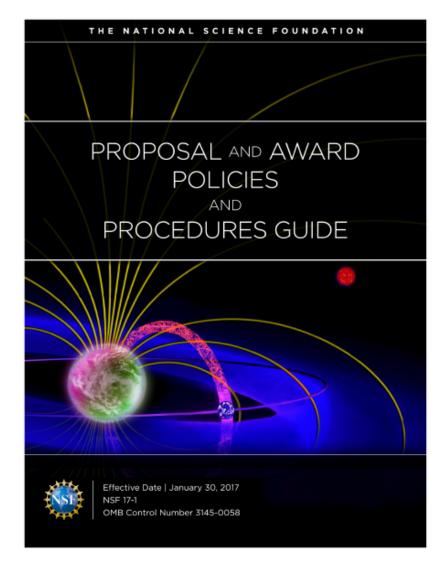
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## **PAPPG Implementation**

- Proposals submitted, or due, on or after January 30, 2017
- Solicitations with before and after deadline dates
  - Preliminary & Full Proposals







## PAPPG – Significant Changes

- Elimination of separate recognition of the Grant Proposal Guide (GPG) and Award & Administration Guide (AAG)
  - Entire document referred to as PAPPG (Parts I & II)
  - Chapters will be sequentially numbered from I-XII
- Cost sharing coverage enhanced with increased coverage on the difference between voluntary committed and voluntary uncommitted cost sharing.
- Inclusion of indirect cost rates lower than negotiated rates is considered voluntary committed cost sharing
- Greater clarity on instructions for proposals submitted late due to natural or anthropogenic disasters.



## PAPPG – Significant Changes

- Human Subjects New coverage has been added on 45 CFR 690.118, including new template
- Vertebrate Animals Increased clarity regarding departures from the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.
- Environmental requirements have been supplemented with a standard Organizational Environmental Impacts Checklist and associated instructions that Proposers may be requested to submit
- NSF-Approved Extension
  - Grantees made aware of limited time period of availability of funds due to cancelation of appropriations.
- Separate section developed for Types of Proposals which describes the various types of proposals that may be submitted to NSF such as RAPID, EAGER, etc.



## PAPPG – Significant Changes

### Two new proposal types are being added

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'GOALI-Industrial PI Confirmation • 'RAISE PO Concurrence Email'	<ul> <li>supplementary document, 'GOALI-Industrial PI Confirmation Letter'</li> <li>New instructions and reminder messages in FastLane File upload screen when user selects GOALI proposal type</li> <li>Two new compliance checks: <ul> <li>At least one Co-PI exists on the proposal</li> <li>A GOALI-Industrial PI Confirmation Letter has been</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>supplementary document:</li> <li>'RAISE PO Concurrence Email'</li> <li>Three new compliance checks:</li> <li>'RAISE-Program Officer Concurrence Email' must be uploaded at time of submission</li> <li>Award budget must be less than or equal to \$1 Million</li> <li>Award duration must be less than or equal to</li> </ul>



## American Innovation & Competitiveness Act

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#### S.3084 - American Innovation and Competitiveness Act

114th Congress (2015-2016)

Sponsor:	Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO] (Introduced 06/22/2016)	More on This Bill CBO Cost Estimates [1]
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### NSF Electronic Research Administration (ERA) Forum

- Initiative to gather opinions, perspectives and feedback around NSF ERA activities.
  - A webinar was held in April 2016 to review Forum logistics and to share preliminary PSM modernization concepts.
  - Last webinar event was September 28, 2016
  - Next webinar is being scheduled.
  - Additional information and registration at: <u>https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/era\_forum.jsp</u>
  - Sign up for forum notifications by sending an email to:
  - NSF-ERA-FORUM-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov





### Research Terms & Conditions High Level Concept

- The purpose of the activity was to develop a revised set of Research Terms and Conditions (RTC) to implement the Uniform Guidance.
- The RTCs will apply to research and research-related grants made by the participating agencies to institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations.





### Research Terms & Conditions High Level Concept

- The Research Terms and Conditions Overlay will:
  - Incorporate the entire Uniform Guidance by reference and provide additional clarity for select provisions.
  - Incorporate by reference the OMB Frequently Asked Questions, which have the full force and effect of the Uniform Guidance.
  - Apply to an award when included as part of the award or when incorporated in the award by reference.
  - Apply to research and research-related grants made by the participating agencies to institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations.
- The RTC co-chairs are in final negotiations with OMB on resolving any remaining issues. Upon clearance, the final version of the RTCs will be posted in the Federal Register.
  - The Federal Register Notice will encourage other agencies to adopt the Research Terms and Conditions.



### Final Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR)

- The purpose of the activity was to develop a standard format for use in reporting final progress on Federally-funded research projects and research-related activities.
  - A format had already been developed and implemented for use in submission of interim reports and the Working Group considered the lessons learned from implementation of the RPPR in development of the format for use in submission of final reports.
  - The updated RPPR was published on November 16, 2016.
    - Agencies were notified on December 5<sup>th</sup>, that implementation plans should be submitted within 60 days.





### Final Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR): Significant Changes

- One report format for both interim and final reports
- Existing mandatory/optional categories retained
- One optional category added: Project Outcomes
- Language changes:
  - Language clarified throughout the document
  - Verbs made past tense where necessary
  - More inclusive of research-related activities
- New information, questions, instructions added:
  - Products Section: New examples of "other products";
  - Participants Section: Question on changes in active other support; and
  - Impact Section: Question on the impact on teaching and educational experiences.



## **Outreach Opportunities**

- NSF Update Webinar with Q&A
  - January 19 @ 1 PM EST
  - Register at: <u>https://goo.gl/6gKzWm</u>
- NSF Grants Conference (November 2016) Archived Webcast
  - Proposal Preparation & Merit Review
  - Award Management
  - Policy Update
  - NSF CAREER program
  - More at: <u>https://goo.gl/vwJSX1</u>
- NSF Grants Conference (June 5-6, 2017)
  - Louisville, KY
  - More at: <u>https://goo.gl/X8ney5</u>

