



NSF System Updates

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Latest Updates

- Announced via [ORA News](#), October 6, 2021.
- Effective for proposals submitted on or after October 4, 2021.
- Align with current Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) – [NSF 22-1](#).

Latest Updates

- New proposal types available in Research.gov:
 - Planning Proposals
 - Career-Life Balance (CLB) Supplemental Funding Requests
- See [About Proposal Preparation and Submission](#) for full list of application types available in Research.gov.
- New automated compliance checks added to Research.gov.
 - Click [here](#) for details on compliance checks in Research.gov and FastLane.

Biosketches and Current and Pending Support

- Biographical sketch page limit increased from two to three pages.
- Current and pending support includes new sections for information on objectives and overlap with other projects to help NSF and reviewers assess overlap/duplication.
- Biographical sketches and current and pending support information required with Change of Principal Investigator (PI) and Add/Change Co-PI requests in FastLane.

Biosketches and Current and Pending Support

- The current formats are posted on the NSF website for [biographical sketch](#) and [current and pending support](#).
- Updated system-related Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are also available: [FAQs on using SciENCv](#) and [FAQs on using NSF fillable PDF](#).
- SciENCv documents created using the previous version (i.e., NSF 20-1) prior to October 4th are automatically converted in SciENCv to the current version after October 4th.

Blank Pages in Current and Pending Support

- Research.gov, FastLane, and Grants.gov will remove any blank pages in the NSF-approved fillable PDF version.
- Triggered in Research.gov and FastLane during document upload, and upon submission using Grants.gov.
- Only applies to current and pending support fillable PDF and not to any other uploaded PDFs.
- The current and pending support fillable PDF document is paginated, and the PDF page numbers will not be updated during the trimming process.
- Current and pending support PDFs generated in SciENcv do not include blank pages.

Functionality Available in Research.gov

The chart below indicates the availability of proposal functions in Research.gov.
For additional details of the recent releases view the General FAQs.

New = New update as of 10/04/2021

	Current Capability	Capability in Development	Future Capability
Type of Submission			
Full Proposal	✓		
Letter of Intent	✓ New		
Preliminary Proposal	✓ (Ideas Lab only)	✓ (Other Program Solicitations)	
Full Proposal related to a Preliminary Proposal		✓	
Renewal Proposal	✓		
Accomplishment Based Renewal Proposal	✓		

Click [here](#) to view the complete chart.

Click [here](#) to provide feedback.

The End is Near



- Transition of all proposal preparation and submission functionality from FastLane to Research.gov is targeted for December 31, 2022.

Research.gov Demo Site

My Desktop

Prepare & Submit Proposals


Prepare and Submit Proposals
(Limited proposal types)

Demo Site: Prepare Proposals ←

Proposal Status

Research.gov Demo Site

Proposal Preparation Demo Site

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DEMO

Demo user: Kurt Durlesser, Principal Investigator (PI)

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Proposals (Preliminary, Full, and Renewal)

What would you like to work on?

Prepare New

By answering a few questions, NSF will customize the process and compliance rules.

[Prepare New](#)

 What information will need to be provided?


In Progress

Continue working on a previously prepared proposal, that has not yet been submitted to NSF.

[Work with In Progress](#)

Submitted and Updates

View, download, or perform a Proposal File Update/Budget Revision on proposals that have previously been submitted to NSF.

[View/Update Submitted](#) 

Resources

NSF Webinar:

- Migrating NSF Proposal Preparation and Submission from FastLane to Research.gov ([video](#))

FDP:

- National Science Foundation Proposal Modernization Update ([video](#) and [slides](#))

NCURA:

- NSF Overview, Sections of the Proposal, Proposal System Modernization – presented by Jean Feldman, Head, NSF Policy Office ([video](#))

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