

NSF PAPPG 24-1 HIGHLIGHTS

Majority of changes driven by implementation of:

CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (the “CHIPS Act”)

- **Foreign Organizations** - updated guidance for justifying inclusion of a foreign organization (subaward) or foreign individual (consultant) in a proposal budget. *The justification must be included in the project description section of the proposal and the box for “Funding of a Foreign Organization or Foreign Individual” must be checked on the Cover Sheet.*
- **Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs** – guidance provided for individuals who are a party to a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program. Such individuals are not eligible to serve as a Senior/Key Person on NSF proposals and awards. This new policy is part of NSF’s implementation of the National Security Presidential Memorandum-33 (NSPM-33). Additionally, as part of the proposal submission, MSU must certify that all individuals identified as senior/key persons have been made aware of and have complied with their responsibility to certify that they are not party to a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program. Questions? [Foreign Talent Recruitment](#)
 - \$50,000 gifts and contracts, retain a copy of funding instrument and UR needs to report on these collectively
 - Joe Doyle’s is involved in implementing the University’s compliance with this change joe.doyle@rochester.edu
- **Biographical Sketch** – implementing the new [Common Disclosure form](#), removing the Synergistic Activities section, and removing the page limitation. Still 5 and 5 of Products The Biographical Sketch will continue to be created in SciENcv, which will produce a pdf compliant version that can be attached to the proposal in Research.gov.
 - Consulting is a grey area, NSF has refrained from providing examples or additional guidance
 - Biosketchs created BEFORE May 17th, 2024 can be copied over into the new format
 - Can still delegate, but Delegates can only view a draft, the can only download a certified copy which must be certified by PI
- **New Synergistic Activities Document** – Synergistic Activities that used to be included as part of the Biographical Sketch has been moved to a separate document. Each individual identified as senior/key personnel must include a one-page document with up to five examples that demonstrate the broader impact of the individual’s professional and scholarly activities that focus on the creation, integration, and transfer of knowledge. This document is submitted as part of the Senior/Key personnel documents in Research.gov.
- **Current and Pending (Other) Support** – implementing the new Common Disclosure form. The Current and Pending Support form will continue to be created in SciENcv, which will produce a pdf compliant version that can be attached to the proposal in Research.gov.
 - Automatically updated May 17th to new format

- **Mentoring Plan** - the Mentoring Plan has been expanded, requiring a plan for graduate students and/or postdoctoral researchers supported on a project. The page limit for a Mentoring Plan is still one page.
 - *Each NSF award that provides substantial support to postdoctoral scholars and graduate students, each individual must have an Individual Development Plan, which is updated annually, that maps the educational goals, career exploration, and professional development of the individual.* NSF defines “substantial support” as an individual that has received **one person month or more during the annual reporting period under the NSF award.** See also Chapter VII.D.1.b (iv) below for certification requirements.
 - The River Campus assistant deans have been meeting to go through the new requirement for these plans and do have some ideas/guidance about how to develop these plans as it is still one page limit, it is for the entire project (so a reminder if collaborative!)
- **Projects Requiring Advanced Computing, Data, and Analysis Capabilities updated instructions** – updated to say that many research projects require access to computational, data, analysis, and/or visualization resources to complete the work proposed. Typically, such resources will be noted in the proposal under Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources. For projects that require such resources at scales beyond what may be available locally, NSF supports an array of national resources. Proposals are reviewed for both their scientific and computational/data needs, as well as readiness to utilize the resources.
- **Tribal Nation Approval** – proposals that may impact the resources of a Tribal Nation must seek and obtain approval from the Tribal Nation prior to award.
- **Proposal Font, Spacing, and Margin Requirements** - updated to allow for submission of proposal documents in landscape format.