

## **TIGER TIPS**

# **RESOURCES FOR AUBURN RESEARCHERS**

## **AUTOMATED COMPLIANCE CHECKING OF NSF PROPOSALS**

Beginning **March 18, 2013**, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will enhance the FastLane system to begin automated compliance checking of all required sections of proposals. This will bring NSF systems in line with long standing proposal preparation requirements as outlined in the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (Chapter II.C.2 of the Grant Proposal Guide (GPG)). The GPG required sections of a proposal include:

Project Summary*	Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources
Budget Justification	Biographical Sketch(es)
Project Description	Data Management Plan*
Current and Pending Support	Budget
References Cited	Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan (if applicable)*

*\*These proposal sections are already being auto compliance checked by FastLane.*

Proposal submission instructions for conferences, symposia or workshops; international travel grants; or program solicitations *may* deviate from the GPG instructions. If the submission instructions do not require one of the above sections to be provided, proposers will need to insert text or upload a document in that section of the proposal that states, “Not Applicable.” Doing so will enable FastLane to accept the proposal.

Additionally, proposers providing Biographical Sketches and/or Current and Pending Support Information for Principal Investigators (PIs), co PI(s) or Senior Personnel in a single PDF file associated with the PI, must insert text or upload a document in that section of the proposal that states, “Not Applicable,” for any Co PI or Senior Personnel so that FastLane will accept the proposal. PIs will receive a warning message if **any** of the GPG required sections is missing, however, the PI will still be able to submit the proposal to the Office of Sponsored Programs/College-level designee. If OSP or the College-level designee attempts to submit a proposal that is missing any of the GPG required sections, an error message will be received identifying the missing section(s), and FastLane will prevent submission to NSF. After obtaining all required sections, the proposal may be submitted to NSF in accordance with the established deadline date policy.

Additional information is posted on the NSF website at:

<http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/autocompliance.jsp>