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RESOURCES FOR AUBURN RESEARCHERS

NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide 2018 Update

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has released a new version of the NSF [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide](#) (PAPPG), (NSF 18-1). The updated version of the PAPPG is effective for proposals submitted, or due, on or before **January 29, 2018**.

The following are some of the significant changes included in the new PAPPG:

- **Addition of a new eligibility subcategory on international branch campuses of U.S. Institutions of Higher Education** - If the proposal includes funding to be provided to an international branch campus of a US institution of higher education (including through use of subawards and consultant arrangements), the proposer must explain the benefit(s) to the project of performance at the international branch campus, and justify why the project activities cannot be performed at the US campus.
- **Revision of eligibility standards for foreign organizations** – [new language] In cases however, where the proposer considers the foreign organization’s involvement to be essential to the project (e.g., through subawards or consultant arrangements), the proposer must explain why local support is not feasible and why the foreign organization can carry out the activity more effectively. In addition, the proposed activity must demonstrate how one or more of the following conditions have been met:
 - The foreign organization contributes a unique organization, facilities, geographic location and/or access to unique data resources not generally available to US investigators (or which would require significant effort or time to duplicate) or other resources that are essential to the success of the proposed project; and/or
 - The foreign organization to be supported offers significant science and engineering education, training or research opportunities to the US.
- **Implementation of the standard Collaborators and Other Affiliations (COA) [template](#) that has been in pilot phase since April** - Instructions regarding the five separate categories of information (corresponding with the five tables in the COA template) have been added.
- **Increase in the Budget Justification page limitation from three pages to five pages.**
- **Restructuring of coverage on grantee notifications to and requests for approval from NSF, including referral to the [Prior Approval Matrix](#) available on the NSF website.**
- **Numerous clarifications and other changes throughout the document.**