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Significant Changes to the NSF Grant Proposal Guide

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In October 2015, NSF issued its annual update to the **Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG)**. Below is an overview of significant changes to the NSF grant proposal guide that impact PIs:

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| Submission Time | <ul style="list-style-type: none">NSF has removed from all solicitations the ability to use deadlines other than 5 p.m. submitter's local time. Failure to submit by 5 p.m. submitter's local time will result in the proposal not being accepted. |
| Biographical Sketches/Collaborations & Other Affiliations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">It is no longer allowable for the biographical sketches of all senior personnel to be grouped together in a single PDF file. Biographical sketches for Other Personnel and for Equipment proposals, however, should be uploaded as a single PDF file in the Other Supplementary Documents section of the proposal.Collaborations & Other Affiliations is now a separate document (see below). |
| Current and Pending | <ul style="list-style-type: none">It is no longer allowable for the current and pending of all senior personnel to be grouped together in a single PDF file.Current and pending support must now include all sources of current project support, including internal funds allocated toward specific projects (i.e., internally funded projects which require commitment of an investigator's time). Note that this does not apply to start-up funds or other internal funding that is given as a lump sum and which does not require a specific commitment of the investigator's time. |
| Results of Prior Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none">NSF has clarified that information on Results of Prior NSF Support must be provided for any PI or co-PI that has received NSF funding with a start date in the past five years (including any current funding and no-cost extensions), regardless of the type of award. |
| Collaborators & Other Affiliations | <ul style="list-style-type: none">All senior personnel must provide information regarding collaborators and other affiliations as a separate upload under the "Single Copy Documents" section of FastLane. This replaces the Collaborators section previously required as part of the biographical sketch. |

Link to NSF Grant Proposal Guide 16-001: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf16001/gpg_index.jsp