



Dear Colleagues:

Effective October 5, 2020, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will enhance the Project Reporting System in Research.gov to implement the revised Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR). The RPPR is a uniform format for reporting performance progress on Federally funded research projects and research-related activities. NSF awardees use the RPPR to prepare and submit annual and final project reports to NSF. Further details about the RPPR can be found on the Research.gov [About Project Reports website](#).

New Question for Project Reports with Active Other Support Changes

- On October 5, 2020, NSF will add the following new question to the Edit Participants screen: *Has there been a change in the active other support of the PI/PD(s) since the last reporting period?* If Principal Investigators (PIs)/Project Directors (PDs) and co-PIs/co-PDs select "Yes," they will be required to upload their most up-to-date Current and Pending Support document in an NSF-approved format to notify NSF that active other support has changed since the award was made or since the most recent annual report.
- Current and Pending Support documents not in an NSF-approved format will trigger a compliance error preventing document upload and submission of the annual or final project report.
- The NSF-approved formats for Current and Pending Support are [SciENCv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#) and an [NSF fillable PDF](#).
- The NSF [Current and Pending Support](#) website includes additional information as well as links to system-related Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for both NSF-approved formats. A set of policy-related [FAQs related to current and pending support](#) is also available.
- The complete lists of FastLane and Research.gov automated proposal compliance checks effective October 5, 2020, are available on the [Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals website](#).

Additional New Questions from the Revised RPPR

Beginning October 5, 2020, NSF will also add the following three questions to the "Impact" and "Changes/Problems" tabs:

- What was the impact on teaching and educational experiences? (*Impact tab*);
- What percentage of the award's budget was spent in a foreign country? (*Impact tab*); and
- Has there been a change in primary performance site location from that originally proposed? (*Changes/Problems tab*).

NSF-specific Updates

- NSF-specific help text updates have been added throughout, and NSF-specific instructions have been clarified or enhanced.
- To reduce administrative burden, NSF has consolidated data entry fields where possible.

Current and Pending Support Format Training Resources

To learn more about the NSF-approved formats for Current and Pending Support, please view the [NSF PAPPG \(NSF 20-1\) webinar](#) and [NSF-Approved Formats for the Biographical Sketch & Current and Pending Support Sections of NSF Proposals webinar](#).

SciENCv has created the following materials to guide the community through the preparation of the NSF Current and Pending Support document in SciENCv:

- [NSF Current and Pending Support Video Tutorial](#)
- [NSF-specific Bookshelf Resource](#) (includes screenshots and step-by-step instructions)

Questions? Policy-related questions should be directed to policy@nsf.gov. If you have IT system-related or technical questions regarding the NSF-approved formats or the Research.gov Project Reporting System, please contact the NSF Help Desk at 1-800-381-1532 (7:00 AM - 9:00 PM ET; Monday - Friday except federal holidays) or via rgov@nsf.gov.

Regards,

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