

# Grants.gov Application Guide

*A Guide for Preparation and Submission of NSF  
Applications via Grants.gov*



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*Image:* Two centers with emerging dark brushes represent "boojum," point defects in the molecular orientation of the liquid crystal.  
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## Summary of Significant Changes and Clarifications

### Effective for applications submitted, or due, on or after December 26, 2014

**Overall Document**, The *Grants.gov Application Guide* has been updated to align with changes to NSF's *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) that implements 2 CFR § 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). The Uniform Guidance incorporates language from eight existing Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars into one consolidated set of guidance in the Code of Federal Regulations.

**Editorial changes**. Editorial changes have been made to either clarify or enhance the intended meaning of a sentence or section. Additionally, new screen images throughout highlight updated Grants.gov Research and Related (R&R) forms as well as NSF-specific forms.

**Chapter IV – Section 1, Grant Application Package, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 Documents and Forms**, have updated instructions for the new forms and format.

**Chapter V – Section 2, SF 424 (R&R) (Cover Sheet), 2.4.c Previous Grants.gov Tracking ID (Field 4.c on the Form)**, has been added to reflect this new line in the updated form and to clarify that this line should not be used for proposals submitted to NSF.

**Chapter V – Section 2, SF 424 (R&R) (Cover Sheet), 2.5 Enter Applicant Information (Field 5 on the Form)**, has updated instructions for the person to be contacted on matters involving the application, which reflects the revised format of information being requested.

**Chapter V – Section 4, R&R Other Project Information, 4.7 Attach Project Summary/Abstract (Field 7 on the Form)**, has been updated to reiterate that Project Summaries must be formatted with separate headings for the overview, must include a statement on the intellectual merit of the proposed activity, and must include a statement on the broader impacts of the proposed activity, noting that failure to include these headings may result in the proposal being returned without review.

**Chapter V – Section 4, R&R Other Project Information, 4.9 Attach Bibliography & References Cited (Field 9 on the Form)**, has been supplemented with language to clarify that the section must include bibliographic citations only and must not be used to provide parenthetical information outside of the 15-page Project Description.

**Chapter V – Section 4, R&R Other Project Information, 4.12 Add Other Attachments (Field 12 on the Form)**, has removed information regarding the Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan and Data Management Plan as those sections will no longer be uploaded as other attachments but will now be uploaded as separate sections of the NSF Cover Page.

**Chapter V – Section 7, R&R Funds Requested Budget, 7.2, Enter Senior/Key Person (Field A on the Form)**, has been supplemented to reflect that, for consistency with the NSF cost sharing policy, if person months will be requested for senior personnel, a corresponding salary amount must be entered on the budget. The section also clarifies that, if no person/months and no salary are requested for senior personnel, the proposal must be submitted via FastLane because Grants.gov does not currently have a mechanism to remove PIs from the budget form.



**Chapter V – Section 7, R&R Funds Requested Budget, 7.3, Enter Other Personnel (Field B on the Form)**, has been supplemented to reflect the conditions under which salary requests of administrative and clerical staff can be made.

**Chapter V – Section 7, R&R Funds Requested Budget, 7.4, Enter Equipment Description (Field C on the Form)**, has been supplemented to clarify the definition of Equipment to determine appropriateness for inclusion in the budget.

**Chapter V – Section 7, R&R Funds Requested Budget, 7.5, Enter Travel (Field D on the Form)**, has been supplemented in both subsections *1. Domestic Travel Costs Funds Requested* and *2. Foreign Travel Costs Funds Requested*. Under *Domestic Travel Costs* the revisions include the removal of Canada and Mexico and the addition of the list of U.S. territories and possessions. Under *Foreign Travel Costs*, the revisions include clarification on allowable expenses and clarification on the allowability of travel costs for dependents of key personnel.

**Chapter V – Section 7, R&R Funds Requested Budget, 7.6, Enter Participant/Trainee Support Costs (Field E on the Form)**, has been supplemented to clarify allowable costs under participant support.

**Chapter V – Section 7, R&R Funds Requested Budget, 7.8, Other Direct Costs (Field F on the Form)**, has been supplemented in three areas to align with 2 CFR § 200: *1. Materials and Supplies*; *3. Consultant Services*; and *5. Subawards/Consortium/Contractual Costs*.

**Chapter V – Section 7, R&R Funds Requested Budget, 7.10, Enter Indirect Costs (Field H on the Form)**, has been supplemented to clarify that, except where specifically identified in an NSF program solicitation, the applicable U.S. federally negotiated indirect cost rate(s) must be used in computing indirect costs (F&A) for an application. It also clarifies the process to follow if an applicant organization does not have a current negotiated rate agreement.

**Chapter VI – Section 1, NSF Cover Page, 1.4, Enter Other Information (Field 4 on the Form)**, has moved the information required for RAPID and EAGER proposal mechanisms to number *8. Funding Mechanism*, on the NSF Cover Page.

**Chapter VI – Section 1, NSF Cover Page, 1.6, Data Management Plan (Field 6 on the Form)**, has been modified to indicate that the Data Management Plan should be uploaded in this section on the Cover Page rather than the R&R Other Project Information section where it previously resided.

**Chapter VI – Section 1, NSF Cover Page, 1.7, Mentoring Plan (Field 7 on the Form)**, has been modified to indicate that the Mentoring Plan should be uploaded in this section on the Cover Page rather than the R&R Other Project Information section where it previously resided.

**Chapter VI – Section 1, NSF Cover Page, 1.8, Funding Mechanism (select one) (Field 8 on the Form)**, has been added as a drawdown list to allow the applicant to choose the appropriate funding mechanism to which they are applying.

**Chapter VII – NSF Application Checklist**, has been revised for consistency with changes made in this Guide, as well as in the *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide, Part I: Grant Proposal Guide*.



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## **I. Introduction**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) funds research and education in science and engineering through grants and cooperative agreements. The Foundation accounts for approximately 20 percent of federal support to academic institutions for basic research. Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all Federal grant-making agencies, including NSF. Grants.gov encompasses over 900 grant programs offered by the 26 Federal grant-making agencies. It streamlines the process of awarding \$350+ billion annually to colleges, universities, K-12 school systems, businesses, informal science organizations, and other research organizations throughout the US. Grants.gov is one of 24 Federal cross-agency E-Government initiatives focused on improving access to government services via the Internet.

### **2. PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This document was developed to assist applicants in the preparation and submission of applications to NSF. It is intended as the primary document for use in preparation of applications via Grants.gov. Where appropriate, relevant sections of the NSF Grant Proposal Guide (GPG) and Grants.gov Applicant User Guide have been incorporated by reference.

For the purpose of this document, the term “application” (used by Grants.gov) will replace the term “proposal” (used by NSF). However, the terms are synonymous.

### **3. INTENDED AUDIENCE**

NSF welcomes applications on behalf of all qualified scientists, engineers and educators. The Foundation strongly encourages women, minorities and persons with disabilities to participate fully in its programs. In accordance with Federal statutes, regulations and NSF policies, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin or disability shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from NSF, although some programs may have special requirements that limit eligibility.

Scientists, engineers and educators usually initiate proposals that are officially submitted by their employing organization. Before formal submission, the application may be discussed with appropriate NSF program staff. Graduate students are not encouraged to submit research applications but should arrange to serve as research assistants to faculty members. Some NSF divisions accept applications for Doctoral Dissertation Research Grants when submitted by a faculty member on behalf of the graduate student. A full listing of eligible applicants is contained in the NSF Grant Proposal Guide (GPG Chapter I.E).



NSF Grant Proposal Guide Chapter I.E:

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=gpg](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=gpg)



## 4. SYMBOLS

The following symbols are used throughout this document to highlight information that is of particular interest or importance:



This symbol indicates NSF specific instructions.



This symbol represents a link to an important reference material.

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This symbol represents a required field

## 5. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

### 5.1 NSF Grant Proposal Guide (GPG)

The GPG provides guidance for the preparation of applications for submission to NSF via use of the FastLane System. The GPG includes detailed application preparation instructions and information about NSF's application processing and review process. It also includes information about withdrawals, returns and declinations. Where appropriate, sections of the GPG have been incorporated by reference into this application guide.



NSF Grant Proposal Guide:

[http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=gpg](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=gpg)

### 5.2 Grants.gov Applicant User Guide

The Grants.gov Applicant User Guide is a comprehensive reference to information about Grants.gov. Applicants can download the User Guide as a PDF document.



Grants.gov Applicant User Guide:

<http://www.grants.gov/documents/19/18243/GrantsgovApplicantUserGuide.pdf>





## II. General Instructions for Submission via Grants.gov

### 1. REGISTRATION PROCESS

Before using Grants.gov for the first time, each organization must register to create an institutional profile. Once registered, the applicant's organization can then apply for any government grant on the Grants.gov website, including NSF grants.



Grants.gov Registration: [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get\\_registered.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp)

### 2. SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup>

#### 2.1 Adobe Reader

In order to open, complete and submit an application package, applicants must download and install the latest version of Adobe Reader from the Grants.gov website. NSF strongly recommends that applicants download Adobe Reader directly from the Grants.gov website to ensure the use of the latest compatible version of Adobe Reader.



For minimum system requirements, download instructions, and help tips for using Adobe please see Grants.gov Download Software:

<http://www.grants.gov/documents/19/18243/GrantsgovApplicantUserGuide.pdf>

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<sup>1</sup> If the applicant has problems setting up software on their machine, the applicant may not have security permissions to install new programs on their system. If that is the case, they should contact the organization's system administrator.



### III. NSF-SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION VIA GRANTS.GOV

#### 1. NSF'S IMPLEMENTATION OF GRANTS.GOV

Unless otherwise specified in an NSF solicitation, applications to NSF may be submitted via use of Grants.gov or the NSF FastLane System. Please note that simultaneously submitted collaborative applications must be submitted via FastLane as Grants.gov does not currently support this functionality.

Upon posting to Grants.gov, the application package will contain the appropriate Research and Related forms, NSF specific forms, and the NSF Grants.gov Application Guide.

#### 2. COMPONENTS OF AN NSF APPLICATION

The documents listed in Table 1 are components of an NSF application. The documents identified as required must be submitted to NSF as part of the application. Detailed instructions for submitting both required and optional documents can be found on the page indicated in the last column of the table.

Table 1: Components of an NSF Application

Document	Required	Optional	Instructions
SF 424 (R&R) Cover Sheet	✓		Page 22
Project/Performance Site Location(s)	✓		Page 31
R&R Other Project Information	✓		Page 33
R&R Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)	✓		Page 39
R&R Personal Data	✓		Page 46
R&R Budget	✓		Page 48
R&R Subaward Budget Attachment(s)	✓		Page 56
NSF Cover Page	✓		Page 58
NSF Deviation Authorization		✓	Page 61
NSF Suggested Reviewers		✓	Page 62
NSF FastLane System Registration		✓	Page 63

#### 3. CONFORMANCE WITH APPLICATION PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

It is imperative that all applications conform to these application preparation and submission instructions. All attachments to an application also must comply with NSF font, spacing and margin requirements (See GPG Chapter II.B.2.). Conformance with all preparation and submission instructions is required and will be strictly enforced unless a deviation had been approved in advance of application submission. Please note that NSF solicitations may establish additional requirements. Applications that do not comply with this requirement will not be inserted into NSF's FastLane system and therefore cannot be reviewed. See [GPG Chapter IV.B.](#) for additional information.

##### 3.1 Portable Document Format (PDF)

NSF requires that applicants submit all attachments to applications to Grants.gov in Portable Document Format (PDF). Using PDF format allows applicants to preserve the formatting of their documents. In order to save a document as a PDF, the applicant will need to use PDF generator software. Applications with attachments in non-PDF format will not be inserted into FastLane and will require resubmission via Grants.gov by the applicant.



### **3.2 Creating PDF Files**

NSF has published the following webpage that provides guidance on creating PDF files acceptable for submission to FastLane. **This same guidance must be followed for all attachments submitted with the NSF application through Grants.gov.**



Creating PDF Files: [https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/documents/pdf\\_create/pdfcreate\\_05a.jsp](https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/documents/pdf_create/pdfcreate_05a.jsp)

Adobe Reader cannot produce PDF files. The applicant must use the Adobe Distiller component of Adobe Acrobat.

NOTE: DO NOT USE PDF Writer! To avoid problems with converting documents to PDF, download the FastLane Job Options file as described below.

#### **3.2.1 Instructions for Non-Adobe Acrobat Users**

Users without Adobe Acrobat may use the PDF Conversion Utility found within FastLane to convert non-PDF documents to PDF format. The utility can be accessed by **registered** FastLane users through either the Proposal Preparation or the Research Administration modules.

##### **Accessing the FastLane PDF Conversion Utility through Proposal Preparation**

1. Navigate to the NSF FastLane homepage: <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/fastlane.jsp>
2. Select the Proposals, Awards and Status module.
3. Log in using your appropriate FastLane log-in information.
4. On the Quick Links menu at the left of the screen, select Convert Files to PDF.
5. Enter the document location in the space provided, or click the Browse button to select the document to be converted to PDF format.
6. Select the Convert to PDF button. The PDF conversion process may take a few minutes depending on your file size. Upon completion of PDF conversion, the screen will indicate that your file has been successfully converted.
7. Select View PDF. The converted document appears in PDF format in Adobe Reader within your web browser.
8. Select the diskette icon to name and save your new PDF file locally to your computer's hard drive.

##### **Accessing the FastLane PDF Conversion Utility through Research Administration**

1. Click on the link <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/researchadmin/>
2. Log in using your appropriate FastLane log-in information.
3. On the Quick Links menu at the left of the screen, select Convert Files to PDF.
4. Enter the document location in the space provided, or click the Browse button to select the document to be converted to PDF format.



5. Select the Convert to PDF button. The PDF conversion process may take a few minutes depending on your file size. Upon completion of PDF conversion, the screen will indicate that your file has been successfully converted.
6. Select View PDF. The converted document appears in PDF format in Adobe Reader within your web browser.
7. Select the diskette icon to name and save your new PDF file locally to your computer's hard drive.

### **3.2.2 Warnings and Rules**

**Failure to comply with the following warnings or adhere to NSF rules for PDF files may result in your application not being inserted into NSF's FastLane and the application missing the opportunity's deadline date.**

#### **Warnings**

- DO NOT Use Adobe Acrobat PDFWriter
- DO NOT Use Blocked PDF Producers
- DO NOT Use Adobe Acrobat Encryption or Security Setting

#### **Rules**

- Always Check Results
- Always Embed All Fonts
- Always Use Type 1 or True Type Fonts
- Note the Special Rules for TeX or LaTeX

#### **DO NOT Use Adobe Acrobat PDFWriter**

PDFWriter does not produce acceptable PDF files, except under very limited circumstances. This can lead to NSF program officers and reviewers seeing garbled and/or incomplete versions of a file. NSF recommends uploading one of the supported formats as identified in the Acceptable File Formats section on FastLane [https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/documents/pdf\\_create/pdfcreate\\_04.jsp?page=0](https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/documents/pdf_create/pdfcreate_04.jsp?page=0) To create and upload a PDF file, use Adobe Distiller (in the same package as PDFWriter) or Ghostscript version 6.5 or higher.

## **4. SUBMISSION OF SAME APPLICATION TO MULTIPLE AGENCIES**

With the exception of the Biological Sciences Directorate policy specified below, concurrent submission of an application to other organizations for simultaneous consideration will not prejudice its review.

### **4.1 NSF Biological Sciences Directorate Policy**

Research applications to the Biological Sciences Directorate (not applications for conferences) cannot be duplicates of applications to any other Federal agency for simultaneous consideration. The only exceptions to this rule are: (1) when the program officers at relevant Federal agencies have previously agreed to joint review and possible joint funding of the application; or (2) applications for Principal Investigators (PIs) who are beginning investigators (individuals who have not been a PI) or co-Principal Investigator (co-PI) on a Federally funded award with the exception of doctoral dissertation, postdoctoral fellowship or research planning grants. For applicants who qualify under this latter exception, the box for "Beginning Investigator" must be checked on the NSF Grant Application Cover Page.

## **5. SUBMISSION FOR REVIEW BY MULTIPLE PROGRAMS WITHIN NSF**

The same work/application cannot be funded twice. The submission of duplicate or substantially similar applications concurrently for review by more than one program without prior NSF approval may result in the return of the redundant applications. (See [GPG Chapter IV.B.](#) for further information.)



## **6. NEXT STEPS – POST SUBMISSION TO GRANTS.GOV**

Until an application has been received and validated by NSF, the Authorized Representative (AR) may check the status of an application on Grants.gov. Grants.gov requires a user login and password.



Check Application Status: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/track-my-application.html>

### **6.1 Grants.gov Contact Center**

If the Authorized Representative (AR) has not received a confirmation message from Grants.gov within 48 hours of submission of the application, please contact:

Telephone: 1-800-518-4726  
Email: [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)

### **6.2 NSF IT Help Central**

If the Authorized Representative (AR)<sup>2</sup> has not received a confirmation message from NSF within 60 hours of submission of the application, please contact:

Telephone: 1-800-673-6188  
Email: [fastlane@nsf.gov](mailto:fastlane@nsf.gov)

### **6.3 Research.gov and the NSF FastLane System**

Research.gov ([www.research.gov](http://www.research.gov)) is NSF's modernization of FastLane.

FastLane is the NSF online website through which NSF interacts with researchers and potential researchers, reviewers, and research administrators and their organizations.



FastLane: <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov>

For applications submitted through Grants.gov the applicant should use:

- Research.gov to check the status of an application after it has been received and validated by NSF. See Section 6.3.1, "Check the Status of an Application in Research.gov", below for more information;
- FastLane to add or correct information in the application after submission via Grants.gov and a notification is received from NSF that the application has been inserted into FastLane. See Section 6.3.2, "Proposal File Update – Post Submission" and Section 6.4, below for "Warning Messages" details.

#### **6.3.1 Check the Status of an Application in Research.gov**

After applicants receive an email notification from NSF, Research.gov should be used to check the status of an application.



Research.gov Grant Application Status: To view the status of an application, log in to Research.gov ([www.research.gov](http://www.research.gov)) with the same account information used to access FastLane (last name,

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<sup>2</sup> The identified PI also will receive a confirmation message from NSF.



### 6.3.2 Proposal File Update – Post Submission

Applications submitted through Grants.gov are considered official submissions to the Federal government. Applicants that wish to change or correct a previously submitted application must use the Proposal File Update<sup>3</sup> module available in the NSF FastLane System as specified below. The FastLane Proposal File Update Module allows the organization to request the replacement of files or revision of other Proposal Attributes, associated with a previously submitted proposal. (Note: The FastLane Proposal File Update module must not be used for submission of revised budgets. All budgetary revisions must be submitted through use of the FastLane Revised Proposal Budget Module. See Paragraph 6.3.3 Revisions to the Budget below for further information.)

A request for a proposal file update must be submitted by an individual who is authorized to submit proposals on behalf of the organization, and electronically signed by the AR. An update request must contain a justification that addresses:

1. why the changes or file replacements are being requested; and
2. any differences between the original and proposed replacement files.



FastLane Proposal File Update: <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/jsp/homepage/proposals.jsp>

A request for a file update automatically will be accepted if submitted **prior to**:

- the deadline date specified in a program solicitation;
- initiation of external peer review in cases when a target date is utilized; and
- initiation of external peer review in the case of an unsolicited application.

A request for a file update **after** the timeframes specified above will require acceptance by the cognizant NSF Program Officer. Such requests shall be submitted only to correct a technical problem with the application (e.g., formatting or print problems). Changes in the content of the application should not be requested **after** the timeframes specified above. When a request is accepted, the proposed files or revisions to application attributes will immediately replace the existing files and become part of the official application.

PIs can access the Proposal File Update Module via the "Proposal Functions" section of FastLane. Authorized individuals in the organization's Sponsored Projects Office (or equivalent) can initiate or review requests for proposal file updates using the "Submit Proposals/Supplements/File Updates/Withdrawals" Module via the FastLane "Research Administration Functions."

NSF will consider only one request for a proposal file update per application at a time. It is anticipated that it will be a rare occurrence for more than one file update request to be submitted for an application.

### 6.3.3 Revisions to the Budget

Negotiating budgets generally involves discussing a lower or higher amount of total support for the proposed project. The cognizant NSF Program Officer may suggest reducing or eliminating costs for specific budget items that are clearly unnecessary or unreasonable for the activities to be undertaken, especially when the review process supports such changes; however, this would generally not include faculty salaries, salary rates, fringe benefits, or tuition. Note: indirect cost rates are not subject to negotiation. The NSF Program Officer may discuss with PIs the "bottom line" award amount, i.e., the total NSF funding that will be recommended for a project. NSF Program Officers may not renegotiate cost sharing or other organizational commitments.

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<sup>3</sup> The module in FastLane that is used to update files is the Proposal File Update module. The term proposal is the same as an application

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When such discussions result in a budget reduction of 10% or more from the amount originally proposed, a corresponding reduction should be made in the scope of the project. Applicants must use the FastLane Revised Proposal Budget Module to submit this information. A revised proposal budget also must include a Budget Impact Statement that describes the impact of the budget reduction on the scope of the project.

Revised proposal budgets must be electronically signed by the AR.

### **6.4 Warning Messages**

If an applicant receives a Warning Message email stating information needs to be added or corrected in the application, the applicant should carefully review each warning and make the necessary correction(s) as needed in the Proposal File Update module. See 6.3.2 Proposal File Update – Post Submission and 6.3.3 Revisions to the Budget above for more information about file updates.

NSF strongly recommends that the warnings be resolved as described in the warning message. NSF may return without review applications that do not meet NSF application preparation requirements.



## IV. Grant Application Package Instructions

### 1. GRANT APPLICATION PACKAGE

#### 1.1 Verify Grant Information

Verify that the information shown corresponds to the grant for which the applicant wishes to apply. Grants.gov will auto-populate the following information:

- Opportunity Title
- Offering Agency
- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number
- CFDA Description
- Opportunity Number
- Competition ID
- Opportunity Open Date
- Opportunity Close Date
- Agency Contact

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Opportunity Title:	GEO test opty single combo
Offering Agency:	National Science Foundation
CFDA Number:	
CFDA Description:	
Opportunity Number:	13-540
Competition ID:	
Opportunity Open Date:	
Opportunity Close Date:	05/07/2015
Agency Contact:	Customer Care Contact

#### 1.2 Enter a Name for the Application

Check the box indicating that the applicant will be submitting applications on his/her own behalf (if applicable). The check box will only be shown on funding opportunities that are open to individuals.

Enter a name for the application in the **\*Application Filing Name** field (this is a required field). This name is for use solely by the applicant for you to track through the Grants.gov submission process. It is not used by the receiving agency.

I will be submitting applications on my behalf, and not on behalf of a company, state, local or tribal government, academia, or other type of organization.

\* Application Filing Name:

#### 1.3 Open and Complete Mandatory Documents

Open and complete all of the documents listed in the "Mandatory Documents" section. Complete the SF 424 (R&R) first. Data entered on the SF 424 (R&R) is populated into other mandatory and optional forms where possible.





### Select Forms to Complete

#### Mandatory

Save

Save & Submit

Check Package for Errors

[SF424 \(R & R\)](#)

[Project/Performance Site Location\(s\)](#)

[Research And Related Other Project Information](#)

[Research And Related Senior/Key Person Profile \(Expanded\)](#)

[Research & Related Personal Data](#)

[Research & Related Budget](#)

[NSF Cover Page](#)

To open a form/document, click on the link for the form you wish to edit.

#### 1.4 Open and Complete Optional Documents

To open Optional documents click on the checkbox next to the optional form you wish to add. Once the checkbox is checked, click on the link for the form to fill it out.

#### Optional

[R & R Subaward Budget Attachment\(s\) Form](#)

[NSF Deviation Authorization](#)

[NSF Suggested Reviewers](#)

[NSF FastLane System Registration](#)

#### 1.5 Navigating the Forms

The applicant must complete the mandatory fields on each page of the form/document. Mandatory fields in Adobe Reader are highlighted in yellow with a red border.

\* Application Filing Name:

To navigate to the next page of a form/document, locate the right arrow in the Adobe toolbar at the top of Adobe Reader and click on the arrow.



Once the arrow has been clicked, the applicant will be taken to the next page of the form/document where he/she may complete the rest of the form. The applicant may use this arrow to be taken to each subsequent form in the application.



To go back to the previous page or previous form/document, simply click the left arrow on the Adobe toolbar.



Additionally, Adobe Reader allows scrolling from one form to the next by using the up and down arrows on the far right of Adobe Reader.

Once all the relevant fields have been completed, the applicant can return to the Grant Application Package screen and the list of Mandatory and Optional Documents by going to the first page in the application package or by clicking on the “Close Form” button when available. When a form/document is closed the completed data is captured in the application package but the form/document is not automatically saved. The application package must be saved from the Grant Application Package screen. More information on saving the application package is available in section 1.9, Saving the Application.

## **1.6 Attachments**

Many of the forms/documents in the application package require the applicant to attach files. As stated in Chapter III, Section 3.1 above, “Portable Document Format (PDF)”, NSF requires that all attachments must be submitted in PDF format.

To attach a PDF file to the forms/documents in the application package, only use the attachment buttons found on the form. Do not use the Adobe attachment function through the Adobe menu or Adobe icon.



For more information on adding attachments to the application package using Adobe forms, please see the Grants.gov Applicant User Guide:

<http://www.grants.gov/documents/19/18243/GrantsgovApplicantUserGuide.pdf>

The R&R Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form allows the applicant to attach additional Adobe forms. Chapter V, Section 8 of this Guide provides detailed instructions for the navigation of this form.

## **1.7 Displaying Help Tips**

To display a Help Tip in Adobe Reader, hover or place the cursor over the field in question. Fields that are pre-populated by Grants.gov are display-only fields and no Help Tip is available. In addition, Help Tips are not available for buttons that are grayed out.

## **1.8 Saving the Application**

The “Save” button only appears on the Grant Application Package screen. It is recommended that after the applicant completes each form/document that he/she go to the first page of the application package, or click on the “Close Form” button when available, then save the application package by clicking on the “Save” button at the top of the Grant Application Package Screen. It is important to note that the application package will be saved to the last active directory on the applicant’s computer. Therefore, the applicant should save the application package to his/her hard drive where it can easily be located. The applicant may save the application package at any time and should save the application package with the same file name each time.



## 1.9 Check Package for Errors

To initiate the Grants.gov edit check process, simply click on the “Check Package for Errors” button on the first page of the application package.

Save

Save & Submit

Check Package for Errors

If all fields pass validation checks, a message box is shown saying “Validation Passed”. If the application fails a validation check, the applicant must fix the error(s) and check the package for errors again. All errors are displayed one at a time.



Applicants are advised that no checks against NSF-specific business rules will take place at this time.

## 1.10 Submitting the Application

The AR must open the application in Adobe Viewer then press the “Save & Submit” button. Applications can be completed in their entirety offline; however, to submit an application you must be connected to the internet. To submit the application:

1. Browse to the physical location where the application file is located on your hard disk.
2. Double-click the application.
3. The application will open in Adobe Reader. This may take a few moments. Please be patient.
4. Once the application is completely open, if the “Save & Submit” button is not active then click the “**Save**” button. If the application has passed the “Check Package for Errors” validation check, the application will be saved and the “Save & Submit” button will become active.
5. Click “**Save & Submit**”. A window will display requiring the application to be saved one more time. Save the application.
6. A pop-up window is displayed with User Name and Password prompt.
7. Enter your AR User Name and Password.
8. Click **Login**.

A pop-up window is displayed that says “This document is trying to connect to the site:

<http://apply.grants.gov/services/LoginWS?wsdl>. If you trust the site click ‘Allow’, otherwise click ‘Block’.”

9. Click on ‘Allow’ and select the checkbox next to ‘Remember my Action...’ This is a security warning from the Adobe Reader. **Please note the URL shown in the window may be slightly different than what is listed here.**
10. A pop-up window is displayed that asks “Do you wish to sign and submit this Application?”
11. Click the “Sign and Submit Application” button

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12. A Security Warning pop-up window is displayed that says “This document has accessed more than one site and might be trying to share data among different locations. This could be a privacy concern. Are you sure you want to continue?” Check the “Don’t show this message again until this document is reopened” checkbox and click “Yes”.
13. Upon successful submission of the application, a Confirmation document is displayed with the Grants.gov Tracking Number displayed on the second page. It is recommended that this document be saved and printed for your records.

Only the AR has the authority and user rights to **Sign and Submit** an application to Grants.gov.

Additional submission FAQs may be found on the Grants.gov website.



Grants.gov submission FAQs: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-faqs.html>



## **V. Research and Related (R&R) Forms and Instructions**

### **1. OVERVIEW**

This section contains both the SF 424 (R&R) instructions, as well as any applicable NSF-specific instructions. The NSF-specific instructions are identified by the NSF logo. It is important that all applications conform to these SF 424 (R&R) General Instructions, and where specified, with the NSF-specific instructions. Conformance is required and will be strictly enforced unless a deviation has been approved in advance of submission. Applicants are advised that NSF may return without review applications that are not consistent with these instructions.

The NSF applicant is required to complete and submit the following SF 424 (R&R) forms as part of the application package:

- SF424 (R&R) (Cover Sheet);
- Project/Performance Site Location(s);
- Research & Related Other Project Information;
- Research & Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded);
- Research & Related Personal Data;
- Research & Related Budget

The following SF 424 (R&R) form is optional and only should be submitted when appropriate:

- R & R Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form

Detailed instructions for the completion of each of these forms are explained in the following sections.



## 2. SF 424 (R&R) (COVER SHEET)

View Burden Statement		OMB Number: 4040-0001 Expiration Date: 6/30/2016	
APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE <b>SF 424 (R&amp;R)</b>		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-application <input type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		4. a. Federal Identifier	
2. DATE SUBMITTED		b. Agency Routing Identifier	
Applicant Identifier		c. Previous Grants.gov Tracking ID	
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name:		Organizational DUNS:	
Department:		Division:	
Street1:			
Street2:			
City:		County / Parish:	
State:		Province:	
Country:		ZIP / Postal Code:	
Person to be contacted on matters involving this application			
Prefix:	First Name:	Middle Name:	
Last Name:			Suffix:
Position/Title:			
Street1:			
Street2:			
City:		County / Parish:	
State:		Province:	
Country:		ZIP / Postal Code:	
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
Email:			
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION (EIN) or (TIN):			
7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: Please select one of the following			
Other (Specify):			
Small Business Organization Type <input type="checkbox"/> Women Owned <input type="checkbox"/> Socially and Economically Disadvantaged <input type="checkbox"/>			
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION:			
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Resubmission		If Revision, mark appropriate box(es).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision		<input type="checkbox"/> A. Increase Award <input type="checkbox"/> B. Decrease Award <input type="checkbox"/> C. Increase Duration <input type="checkbox"/> D. Decrease Duration	
		<input type="checkbox"/> E. Other (specify):	
Is this application being submitted to other agencies? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What other Agencies?:			
9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: National Science Foundation		10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: TITLE:	
11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:			
12. PROPOSED PROJECT: Start Date Ending Date		13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF APPLICANT	

### 2.1 Enter a Type of Submission (Field 1 on the Form)

Check one of the Type of Submission boxes. If this submission is to change or correct a previously submitted "New" application, click the Changed/Corrected Application box and enter the Grants.gov tracking number in the Federal Identifier field. If this submission is to change or correct a "resubmission", "renewal", "continuation", or "revision" application, leave the Federal identifier field as previously filled with the existing identifier (e.g. Award number). Do NOT insert the Grants.gov tracking number in these cases.



For purposes of NSF, the term preliminary proposal is synonymous with pre-application. Preliminary proposals, when required, must be submitted via use of the NSF FastLane System. In addition, the box for "changed/corrected application" should not be used.



Applicants that wish to change or correct a previously submitted application should use the Proposal File Update module available in the NSF FastLane at <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/>. See Chapter III, Section 6.3.2, "Proposal File Update – Post Submission". Resubmissions, continuations or revisions also should not be used in Field 8 on the form. See Section 2.8, Select Type of Application (Field 8 on the Form).

## **2.2 Enter Date Submitted and Applicant Identifier (Field 2 on the Form)**

Enter the date the application is submitted to the Federal agency (or State if applicable). Enter the applicant's control number (if applicable).

## **2.3 Enter Date Received by State (Field 3 on the Form)**

Enter the date received by state (if applicable). Enter the state application identifier (if applicable).

### **2.4.a Federal Identifier (Field 4.a on the Form)**

New applications should leave this field blank, unless you are submitting a Changed/Corrected application. When submitting a changed/corrected "New" application, enter the Grants.gov tracking number. If this is a continuation, revision or renewal application, enter the assigned Federal Identifier number (for example, award number) even if submitting a changed/corrected application.



If a new, full application is being submitted that is related to a previously submitted pre-application, enter the NSF assigned pre-application number in the Federal Identifier field. If this application is a resubmission of an application that has been previously submitted, but was not funded, and is being resubmitted for new consideration, leave blank. NSF treats these submissions as new applications.

### **2.4.b Agency Routing Number (Field 4.b on the Form)**

Enter the agency-assigned routing identifier per the agency-specific instructions. This is an optional field.



The NSF will not use this field for routing. This field should be left blank.

### **2.4.c Previous Grants.gov Tracking ID (Field 4.c on the Form)**

Enter the agency-assigned tracking ID per the agency-specific instructions. This is an optional field.



The NSF will not use this field. This field should be left blank.

## **2.5 Enter Applicant Information (Field 5 on the Form)**

Enter the DUNS or DUNS+4 number of the applicant organization. This field is required.



The legal name of the applicant "**organization**" should be entered under "Legal Name", unless the applicant is an individual.

In addition, applicants that are individuals cannot enter information into the Organizational DUNS field.

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Field Name	Input
*Legal Name	Enter legal name of applicant, which will undertake the assistance activity, enter the complete address of the applicant (including county/parish and country), and name, telephone number, e-mail, and fax of the person to contact on matters related to this application. This field is required.
Department	Enter the name of primary organizational department, service, laboratory, or equivalent level within the organization which will undertake the assistance activity.
Division	Enter the name of primary organizational division, office, or major subdivision which will undertake the assistance activity.
*Street 1	Enter first line of the street address for the applicant in "Street1" field. This field is required.
Street 2	Enter second line of the street address for the applicant in "Street2" field. This field is optional.
*City	Enter the city for address of applicant. This field is required.
County/Parish	Enter the county/parish for address of applicant.
*State	Enter the State where the applicant is located. This field is required if the applicant is located in the United States.
Province	Enter the Province.
*Zip Code	Enter the Postal Code (e.g., ZIP code) of applicant. This field is required if the applicant is located in the United States. This field is required if a State is selected; optional for Province.
*Country	Select the country for the applicant address. This field is required.

Person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Field Name	Input
Prefix	Enter the prefix (e.g., Mr., Mrs., Rev.) for the person to contact on matters related to this application.
*First Name	Enter first (given) name of the person to contact on matters related to this application. This field is required.
Middle Name	Enter the middle name of the person to contact on matters related to this application.
*Last Name	Enter the last (family) name of the person to contact on matters related to this application. This field is required.
Suffix	Enter the suffix (e.g., Jr, Sr, PhD) for the name of the person to contact on matters related to this application.
Position/Title	Enter the title of the person to contact on matters related to this application.
*Street 1	Enter first line of the street address for the person to contact on matters related to this application in "Street1" field. This field is required.
Street 2	Enter second line of the street address for the person to contact on matters related to this application in "Street2" field. This field is optional.
*City	Enter the city for address of the person to contact on matters related to this application. This field is required.
County/Parish	Enter the county/parish for address of the person to contact on matters related to this application.
*State	Enter the State where the person to contact on matters of this application is located. This field is required if the applicant is located in the United States.
Province	Enter the Province.
*Zip Code	Enter the Postal Code (e.g., ZIP code) of the person to contact on matters related to this application. This field is required if the applicant is located in the United States. This field is required if a State is selected; optional for Province.
*Country	Select the country for the person to contact on matters related to this application address. This field is required.
*Phone Number	Enter the daytime phone number for the person to contact on matters related to this application. This field is required.
Fax Number	Enter the fax number for the person to contact on matters related to this application.
*Email	Enter the e-mail address for the person to contact on matters related to this application.

**2.6 Enter Employer Identification (EIN) or (TIN) (Field 6 on the Form)**

**Employer Identification (EIN) or (TIN)** - Enter either TIN or EIN as assigned by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. If your organization is not in the U.S., type 44-4444444. This is required information.





## 2.7 Enter Type of Applicant (Field 7 on the Form)

**Type of Applicant** - Select the appropriate applicant type code. This field is required. Complete only if "Other" is selected as the Type of Applicant.

If Small Business is selected as Type of Applicant, then note if the organization is Woman-owned and/or Socially and Economically Disadvantaged.

- **Woman Owned** - Check if the applicant is a women-owned small business - a small business that is at least 51% owned by a woman or women, who also control and operate it.
- **Socially and Economically Disadvantaged** - Check if the applicant is a socially and economically disadvantaged small business, as determined by the U.S. Small Business Administration pursuant to section 8(a) of the Small Business Act U.S.C. 637(a).

## 2.8 Select Type of Application (Field 8 on the Form)

Select the type from the following list. Check only one.

- **New** - An application that is being submitted to an agency for the first time.
- **Resubmission** - An application that has been previously submitted, but was not funded, and is being resubmitted for new consideration.
- **Renewal** - An application requesting additional funding for a period subsequent to that provided by a current award. A renewal application competes with all other applications and must be developed as fully as though the applicant is applying for the first time.
- **Continuation** - A non-competing application for an additional funding/budget period within a previously approved project period.
- **Revision** - An application that proposes a change in - 1) the Federal Government's financial obligations or contingent liability from an existing obligation; or, 2) any other change in the terms and conditions of the existing award.



For purposes of NSF, the boxes for "Resubmission", "Continuation" and "Revision" will not be utilized and must not be checked. If a renewal application is being submitted, enter the assigned award number of the previously funded application in the Federal Identifier field (Field 4 on the Form.)

If Revision, mark the appropriate box(es)

- **Increase Award**
- **Decrease Award**
- **Increase Duration**
- **Decrease Duration**
- **Other (specify)**  
**If "Other" is selected, please specify in space provided.**



NSF will not be using the SF 424 (R&R) to: Increase Award, Decrease Award, Increase Duration or Decrease Duration, or perform other post award transactions, and therefore, these boxes should not be checked. Requests for supplemental funding should be submitted electronically via the Supplemental Funding Request module in the NSF FastLane at <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov>.

**\* Is this application being submitted to other agencies?** – Enter yes or no. If yes, enter the name(s) of other Agencies. This is required information.



## 2.9 Enter Name of Federal Agency (Field 9 on the Form)

\* **Name of Federal Agency** - This is the name of the Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application. This information is pre-populated by Grants.gov.

## 2.10 Enter Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (Field 10 on the Form)

This is the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number of the program under which assistance is being requested. This information is pre-populated by Grants.gov.

**Number** – Enter the number.

**Title** – Enter the title.

## 2.11 Enter Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project (Field 11 on the Form)

\* **Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project** - Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. This is required information.



The title of the project must be brief, scientifically or technically valid, intelligible to a scientifically or technically literate reader, and suitable for use in the public press. NSF may edit the title of a project prior to making an award.

## 2.12 Enter Proposed Project (Field 12 on the Form)

\* **Start Date** – Enter the proposed start date of the project. This field is required.

\* **Ending Date** – Enter the proposed end date of the project. This field is required.



The proposed duration for which support is requested must be consistent with the nature and complexity of the proposed activity. Grants are normally awarded for up to three years but may be awarded for periods of up to five years. The Foundation encourages organizations to request awards for durations of three to five years when such durations are necessary for completion of the proposed work and when such durations are technically and managerially advantageous. Specification of a desired starting date for the project is important and helpful to NSF staff; however, requests for specific effective dates may not be met. Except in special situations, requested effective dates must allow at least six months for NSF review, processing and decision. Should unusual situations (e.g., a long lead time for procurement) create problems regarding the proposed effective date, the PI should consult his/her organization's sponsored projects office.

## 2.13 Enter Congressional District of Applicant (Field 13 on the Form)

\* **Applicant Congressional District** - Enter the Congressional District in the format: 2 character State Abbreviation - 3 character District Number. Examples: CA-005 for California's 5th district, CA-012 for California's 12th district. If outside the US, enter 00-000. To locate your congressional district, visit the Grants.gov website. This field is required.



**2.14 Enter Project Director/Principal Investigator Contact Information (Field 14 on the Form)**

<b>Field Name</b>	<b>Input</b>
Prefix	Enter the prefix (e.g., Mr., Mrs., Rev.) for the name of the Project Director.
*First Name	Enter first name of the PD/PI. This field is required.
Middle Name	Enter the middle name of the Project Director.
*Last Name	Enter the last (family) name of the Project Director. This field is required.
Suffix	Enter the suffix (e.g., Jr, Sr, PhD) for the name of the PD/PI.
Position/Title	Enter the title of the Project Director.
*Organization Name	Enter the name of organization for the PD/PI. This field is required.
Department	Enter the name of primary organizational department, service, laboratory, or equivalent level within the organization of the PD/PI.
Division	Enter the name of primary organizational division, office, or major subdivision of the PD/PI.
*Street 1	Enter first line of the street address for the PD/PI in the "Street1" field. This field is required.
Street 2	Enter second line of the street address for the PD/PI in "Street2" field. This field is optional.
*City	Enter the City for address of the PD/PI. This field is required.
County/Parish	Enter the county/parish for address of the PD/PI.
*State	Enter the State where the PD/PI is located. This field is required if the PD/PI is located in the United States.
Province	Enter the Province for PD/PI.
*Zip Code	Enter the Postal Code (e.g., ZIP code) of the PD/PI. This field is required if the PD/PI is located in the United States.
*Country	Select the country for the PD/PI address. This field is required.
*Phone Number	Enter the daytime phone number for the PD/PI. This field is required.
Fax Number	Enter the fax number for the PD/PI.
*Email	Enter the e-mail address for the PD/PI. This field is required.



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**14. PROJECT DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Prefix: [ ] First Name: [ ] Middle Name: [ ]  
 Last Name: [ ] Suffix: [ ]  
 Position/Title: [ ]  
 Organization Name: [ ]  
 Department: [ ] Division: [ ]  
 Street1: [ ]  
 Street2: [ ]  
 City: [ ] County / Parish: [ ]  
 State: [ ] Province: [ ]  
 Country: [ USA: UNITED STATES ] ZIP / Postal Code: [ ]  
 Phone Number: [ ] Fax Number: [ ]  
 Email: [ ]

**15. ESTIMATED PROJECT FUNDING**

a. Total Federal Funds Requested [ ]  
 b. Total Non-Federal Funds [ ]  
 c. Total Federal & Non-Federal Funds [ ]  
 d. Estimated Program Income [ ]

**16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?**

a. YES  THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON: DATE: [ ]

b. NO  PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E.O. 12372; OR  PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW

**17. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances \* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

I agree

\*The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**18. SFLLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities) or other Explanatory Documentation**

[ ] [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

**19. Authorized Representative**

Prefix: [ ] First Name: [ ] Middle Name: [ ]  
 Last Name: [ ] Suffix: [ ]  
 Position/Title: [ ]  
 Organization: [ ]  
 Department: [ ] Division: [ ]  
 Street1: [ ]  
 Street2: [ ]  
 City: [ ] County / Parish: [ ]  
 State: [ ] Province: [ ]  
 Country: [ USA: UNITED STATES ] ZIP / Postal Code: [ ]  
 Phone Number: [ ] Fax Number: [ ]  
 Email: [ ]

Signature of Authorized Representative [ ] Date Signed [ ]

**20. Pre-application** [ ] [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

**21. Cover Letter Attachment** [ ] [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

**2.15 Enter Estimated Project Funding (Field 15 on the Form)**

Field Name	Input
* Total Federal Funds Requested	Enter total Federal funds requested for the entire project period. This is required information.
Total Non-Federal Funds	Enter total non-Federal funds requested for the entire project period. This is required information.
*Total Federal & Non- Federal Funds	Enter total estimated funds for the entire project period, including both Federal and non-Federal funds. This is required information.
*Estimated Program Income	Identify any Program Income estimated for this project period, if applicable. This is required information.

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Applicants are advised that funds entered in field 15.b.will be entered on Line M of the NSF budget when entered into the NSF FastLane System. Review the solicitation's guidance on cost sharing. See the [GPG Chapter II.C.2.g\(xi\)](#), Cost Sharing for information and guidance.

**2.16 Is Application Subject to Review by State Executive Order 12372 Process? (Field 16 on the Form)**

If yes, select "This pre-application/application was made available to the state executive order 12372 process for review on:" and enter the date. If the announcement indicates that the program is covered under Executive Order 12372, applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372.

If No, check appropriate box.



The Foundation's regulation on Intergovernmental Review of National Science Foundation Programs and Activities is published in 45 CFR Part 660.

**2.17 Complete Certification (Field 17 on the Form)**

Check "I agree" to provide the required certifications and assurances. This field is required.



Only a designated Authorized Representative of the Organization may submit the applicable certifications specified in [GPG Chapter II.C.1.e](#). As defined in the NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide, Introduction, Section D, the Authorized Representative is the administrative official who on behalf of the applicant is empowered to make certifications and assurances and can commit the organization to the conduct of a project that NSF is being asked to support as well as adhere to various NSF policies and grant requirements.

**2.18 SFLLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities) or Other Explanatory Documentation (Field 18 on the Form)**

If applicable, attach the SFLLL or other explanatory documentation per agency instructions.



**2.19 Enter Authorized Representative (Field 19 on the Form)**

Field Name	Input
Prefix	Enter the prefix (e.g., Mr., Mrs., Rev.) for the name of the Authorized Representative.
*First Name	Enter the first (given) name of the Authorized Representative. This field is required.
Middle Name	Enter the middle name of the Authorized Representative.
*Last Name	Enter the last (family) name of the Authorized Representative. This field is required.
Suffix	Enter the suffix (e.g., Jr, Sr, PhD) for the name of the Authorized Representative.
*Position/Title	Enter the title of the Authorized Representative. This field is required.
*Organization Name	Enter the name of organization for the Authorized Representative. This field is required.
Department	Enter the name of primary organizational department, service, laboratory, or equivalent level within the organization of the Authorized Representative.
Division	Enter the name of primary organizational division, office, or major subdivision of the Authorized Representative.
*Street 1	Enter first line of the street address for the Authorized Representative in the "Street1" field. This field is required.
Street 2	Enter second line of the street address for the Authorized Representative in the "Street2" field. This field is optional.
*City	Enter the city for the address of the Authorized Representative. This field is required.
County/Parish	Enter the county/parish for the address of the Authorized Representative.
*State	Enter the State where the Authorized Representative is located. This field is required if the Authorized Representative is located in the United States.
Province	Enter the Province for the Authorized Representative.
*Zip Code	Enter the Postal Code (e.g., ZIP code) of the Authorized Representative. This field is required if the Authorized Representative is located in the United States.
*Country	Select the country for the Authorized Representative address.
*Phone Number	Enter the daytime phone number for the Authorized Representative. This field is required.
Fax Number	Enter the fax number of the Authorized Representative.
*Email	Enter the email of the Authorized Representative. This is required information.
Signature of Authorized Representative	It is the organization's responsibility to assure that only properly authorized individuals sign in this capacity and/or submit the application to Grants.gov. If this application is submitted through Grants.gov, leave blank. If a hard copy is submitted, the AR must sign this block.
Date Signed	If this application is submitted through Grants.gov, the system will generate this date. If submitting a hard copy, enter the date the AR signed the application.

**2.20 Enter Pre-Application (Field 20 on the Form)**

If submitting a pre-application, provide a summary description of the project in accordance with the announcement and/or agency specific instructions and attach here.



Preliminary proposals, when required, must be submitted via use of the NSF FastLane System.

**2.21 Cover Letter Attachment (Field 21 on the Form)**

If submitting a cover letter attachment, provide the attachment here.



For purposes of NSF, this is not used.



### 3. PROJECT/PERFORMANCE SITE LOCATIONS

[View Burden Statement](#) OMB Number: 4040-0010  
Expiration Date: 9/30/2016

**Project/Performance Site Location(s)**

I am submitting an application as an individual, and not on behalf of a company, state, local or tribal government, academia, or other type of organization.

**Project/Performance Site Primary Location**

Organization Name:

DUNS Number:

\* Street1:

Street2:

\* City:  County:

\* State:

Province:

\* Country:

\* ZIP / Postal Code:  \* Project/ Performance Site Congressional District:

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**Project/Performance Site Location 1**

I am submitting an application as an individual, and not on behalf of a company, state, local or tribal government, academia, or other type of organization.

Organization Name:

DUNS Number:

\* Street1:

Street2:

\* City:  County:

\* State:

Province:

\* Country:

\* ZIP / Postal Code:  \* Project/ Performance Site Congressional District:

[Delete Entry](#) [Next Site](#)

**Additional Location(s)**  [Add Attachment](#) [Delete Attachment](#) [View Attachment](#)

#### 3.1 Enter Project/Performance Site Primary Location

Indicate the organization name of the primary site where the work will be performed. If a portion of the project will be performed at any other site(s), identify the site location(s) in the block(s) provided.

Project/Performance Site Primary Location:

Field Name	Input
Organization Name	Indicate the primary site where the work will be performed. If a portion of the project will be performed at any other site(s), identify the site location(s) in the block(s) provided.
DUNS Number	Enter the DUNS number associated with the organization where the project will be performed.
*Street 1	Enter first line of the street address in "Street 1" field of the primary performance site location. This field is required.
Street 2	Enter second line of the street address in "Street 2" field for the primary performance site location. This field is optional.
*City	Enter the City for address of the primary performance site location. This field is required.
County/Parish	Select the county/parish for the performance site location.
*State	Enter the State where the primary performance site location is located. This field is required if the Project Performance Site is located in the United States.
Province	Enter the Province where the primary performance site location is located.
*Zip Code	Enter the Postal Code (e.g., ZIP code) of the primary performance site location. This field is required if the Project Performance Site is located in the United States.
Country	Select the name of the country for the primary project performance site.

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*Project/Performance Site Congressional District	Enter the Congressional District in the format: 2 character State Abbreviation – 3 character District Number. Examples: CA-005 for California’s 5 <sup>th</sup> district, CA-0012 for California’s 12 <sup>th</sup> district. If all districts in a state are affected, enter “all” for the district number. Example: MD-all for all congressional districts in Maryland. If nationwide (all districts in all states), enter US-all. If the program/project is outside the US, enter 00-000. To locate your congressional district, visit the Grants.gov web site. Note it is likely that this field will be identical to the “Congressional Districts of Applicant” field provided elsewhere in this application.
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**Project/Performance Site Location 1 (Optional):**

Field Name	Input
Organization Name	Indicate the site where the work will be performed. If a portion of the project will be performed at any other site(s), identify the site location(s) in the block(s) provided.
DUNS Number	Enter the DUNS number associated with the organization where the project will be performed.
*Street 1	Enter first line of the street address in "Street 1" field of the primary performance site location. This field is required.
Street 2	Enter second line of the street address in "Street 2" field for the primary performance site location. This field is optional.
*City	Enter the City for address of the primary performance site location. This field is required.
County/Parish	Select the county/parish for the performance site location.
*State	Enter the State or province where the primary performance site location is located. This field is required if the Project Performance Site is located in the United States.
Province	Enter the Province for the primary performance site location.
*Zip / Postal Code	Enter the Postal Code (e.g., ZIP code) of the primary performance site location. This field is required if the Project Performance Site is located in the United States.
Country	Select the name of the country for the project performance site
*Project/Performance Site Congressional District	Enter the Congressional District in the format: 2 character State Abbreviation – 3 character District Number. Examples: CA-005 for California’s 5 <sup>th</sup> district, CA-0012 for California’s 12 <sup>th</sup> district. If all districts in a state are affected, enter “all” for the district number. Example: MD-all for all congressional districts in Maryland. If nationwide (all districts in all states), enter US-all. If the program/project is outside the US, enter 00-000. To locate your congressional district, visit the Grants.gov web site. Note it is likely that this field will be identical to the “Congressional Districts of Applicant” field provided elsewhere in this application.

Add additional sites as necessary using the “Next Site” button.



For research performed at remote sites, “NA” should be typed in the following mandatory fields if they do not apply to the location: **Street 1, City, State, and Zip Code**. For projects that support research infrastructure and tools, such as vessels, facilities, and telescopes, the project/performance site should correspond to the physical location of the research asset. For research assets or projects that are geographically distributed, the proposer should report information for the primary site, as defined by the proposer. For example, proposals for the operations and maintenance of research vessels may list the project/performance site as the vessel’s home port.



If the Organization Name field is left blank for the Performing Organization, then the Awardee Organization is also considered as the Performing Organization.





## 4. R&R OTHER PROJECT INFORMATION

### RESEARCH & RELATED Other Project Information

OMB Number: 4040-0001  
 Expiration Date: 6/30/2016

1. Are Human Subjects Involved?  Yes  No

1.a. If YES to Human Subjects  
 Is the Project Exempt from Federal regulations?  Yes  No  
 If yes, check appropriate exemption number.  1  2  3  4  5  6  
 If no, is the IRB review Pending?  Yes  No  
 IRB Approval Date:   
 Human Subject Assurance Number:

2. Are Vertebrate Animals Used?  Yes  No

2.a. If YES to Vertebrate Animals  
 Is the IACUC review Pending?  Yes  No  
 IACUC Approval Date:   
 Animal Welfare Assurance Number:

3. Is proprietary/privileged information included in the application?  Yes  No

4.a. Does this Project Have an Actual or Potential Impact - positive or negative - on the environment?  Yes  No

4.b. If yes, please explain:

4.c. If this project has an actual or potential impact on the environment, has an exemption been authorized or an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) been performed?  Yes  No

4.d. If yes, please explain:

5. Is the research performance site designated, or eligible to be designated, as a historic place?  Yes  No

5.a. If yes, please explain:

6. Does this project involve activities outside of the United States or partnerships with international collaborators?  Yes  No

6.a. If yes, identify countries:

6.b. Optional Explanation:

7. Project Summary/Abstract

8. Project Narrative

9. Bibliography & References Cited

10. Facilities & Other Resources

11. Equipment

12. Other Attachments

#### 4.1 Are Human Subjects Involved? (Field 1 on the Form)

- Yes
- No

***If activities involving human subjects are planned at any time during the proposed project at any performance site, check yes. Check yes, even if the proposed project is exempt from Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects. If no, skip the rest of block 1. This field is required.***



Projects involving research with human subjects must ensure that subjects are protected from research risks in conformance with the relevant federal policy known as the Common Rule (*Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects, 45 CFR 690*). All projects involving human subjects must either (1) have approval from the organization's Institutional Review Board (IRB) before issuance of an NSF award or, (2) must affirm that the IRB has declared the research exempt from IRB review in accordance with the applicable subsection, as established in section 101(b) of the Common Rule. See [GPG Chapter II.D.8](#), for further information. The box for "Human Subjects" must be checked "yes" with the IRB approval date (if available) or exemption subsection from the Common Rule identified in the space provided. Check yes even if the proposed project is exempt from Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects. If no, skip the remaining questions about Human Subjects.



If YES to Human Subjects:

**Is the Project Exempt from Federal regulations?**

- Yes
- No

**If yes, check appropriate exemption number** – If human subject activities are exempt from Federal regulations, provide the exemption numbers corresponding to one or more of the exemption categories. The six categories of research that qualify for exemption from coverage by the regulations are defined in the Common Rule for the Protection of Human Subjects. [http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=e8d83a14d728283c78ff7ac33d85cd57&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title45/45cfr690\\_main\\_02.tpl](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=e8d83a14d728283c78ff7ac33d85cd57&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title45/45cfr690_main_02.tpl)

- 1
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**If no, is the IRB review Pending?**

- Yes
- No

**IRB Approval Date** – Enter the latest Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval date (if available). Leave blank if Pending.

**Human Subject Assurance Number** – Enter the approved Federal Wide Assurance (FWA), Multiple Project Assurance (MPA), Single Project Assurance (SPA) Number or Cooperative Project Assurance Number that the applicant has on file with the Office for Human Research Protections, if available. If the applicant has a FWA number, enter the 8-digit number. Do not enter the FWA before the number.

**4.2 Are Vertebrate Animals Used? (Field 2 on the Form)**

This is required information. Check yes or no.

- Yes
- No



For applications involving the use of vertebrate animals, sufficient information must be provided within the 15-page project description to enable reviewers to evaluate the choice of species, number of animals to be used, and any necessary exposure of animals to discomfort, pain, or injury. Consistent with the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act [7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.] and the regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture [9 CFR, 1.1-4.11], NSF requires that proposed projects involving use of any vertebrate animal for research or education be approved by the submitting organization's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) before an award can be made. For this approval to be accepted by NSF, the organization must have a current Institutional Animal Welfare Assurance established with the Public Health Service (PHS). See [GPG Chapter II.D.7](#) for further information

If the organization does not have such an Assurance in place, then approval of the project by the IACUC of an organization with a current PHS Assurance will be acceptable, if the IACUC agrees to provide the required oversight of facilities and activities during the award. In any case, IACUC approval must be received prior to an award. Questions regarding this requirement should be directed to the cognizant NSF Program Officer.



If activities involving vertebrate animals are planned at any time during the proposed project at any performance site, check yes. If no, skip the remaining questions about Vertebrate Subjects.

If YES to Vertebrate Subjects:

**Is the IACUC review Pending?** Check yes or no.

- **Yes**
- **No**

**IACUC Approval Date** – Enter the latest Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) approval date (if available). Leave blank if Pending.

**Animal Welfare Assurance Number** – Enter the Federally approved assurance number, if available.

#### 4.3 Is Proprietary/Privileged Information Included in the Application? (Field 3 on the Form)

This is required information. Check yes or no.

- **Yes**
- **No**

Patentable ideas, trade secrets, privileged or confidential commercial or financial information, disclosure of which may harm the applicant, should be included in applications only when such information is necessary to convey an understanding of the proposed project. If the application includes such information, check yes and clearly mark each line or paragraph on the pages containing the proprietary/privileged information with a legend similar to - "The following contains proprietary/privileged information that (name of applicant) requests not be released to persons outside the Government, except for purposes of review and evaluation."



Such information also may be included as a separate statement. If this method is used, the statement must be submitted electronically as a single-copy document and attached in Block 6 of the NSF Cover Page. While NSF will make every effort to prevent unauthorized access to such material, the Foundation is not responsible or in any way liable for the release of such material. (See also GPG Chapter III.H.)

#### 4.4 Does this Project Have an Actual or Potential Impact – Positive or Negative – on the Environment? (Field 4 on the Form)

This is required information. Check yes or no.

- **Yes**
- **No**

**If yes, please explain** – Enter an explanation for the actual or potential impact on the environment.

**If this project has an actual or potential impact on the environment, has an exemption been authorized or an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) been performed?** - Check yes or no.

- **Yes** - Indicate whether an exemption has been authorized or an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been performed.
- **No** - Indicate whether an exemption has been authorized or an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been performed. Click here for no. You must answer question 4a before this one.



**If yes, please explain** – Provide an explanation here or attach a file at block 12 "Other Attachments". If there is an attachment, please enter "Please see attached".

#### 4.5 Is the Research Performance Site Designated, or Eligible to be Designated, as a Historic Place? (Field 5 on the Form)

This is required information. Check yes or no.

- Yes
- No

**If yes, please explain** – Enter an explanation of the site designation, or eligibility to be designated, as a historic place.

#### 4.6 Does this Project Involve Activities Outside the U.S. or Partnership with International Collaborators? (Field 6 on the Form)

This is required information. Check yes or no.

- Yes
- No

**If yes, identify countries** – Enter the countries with which international cooperative activities are involved.

**Optional Explanation** – Enter an explanation for involvement with outside entities (optional).

#### 4.7 Attach Project Summary/Abstract (Field 7 on the Form)

The Project Summary must contain a summary of the proposed activity suitable for dissemination to the public. It should be a self-contained description of the project and should contain a statement of objectives and methods to be employed. It should be informative to other persons working in the same or related fields and insofar as possible, understandable to a scientifically or technically literate lay reader. This Summary must not include any proprietary/confidential information. To attach a Project Summary/Abstract, click "Add Attachment".



The Project Summary must not be more than one page in length and must clearly address in separate statements: (1) an overview; (2) the intellectual merit of the proposed activity; and (3) the broader impacts of the proposed activity. The overview includes a description of the activity that would result if the proposal were funded and a statement of objectives and methods to be employed. The statement on intellectual merit should describe the potential of the proposed activity to advance knowledge. The statement on broader impacts should describe the potential of the proposed activity to benefit society and contribute to the achievement of specific, desired societal outcomes. The Project Summary should be written in the third person, informative to other persons working in the same or related fields, and, insofar as possible, understandable to a scientifically or technically literate lay reader. It should not be an abstract of the proposal. (See [GPG Chapter III.A.](#) for further descriptive information on the NSF merit review criteria.)

Project Summaries must be formatted with separate headings for the overview, statement on the intellectual merit of the proposed activity, and statement on the broader impacts of the proposed activity. Failure to include these headings may result in the proposal being returned without review.

#### 4.8 Attach Project Narrative (Field 8 on the Form)

Provide Project Narrative in accordance with the announcement and/or agency-specific instructions. To attach a Project Narrative, click "Add Attachment".



The Project Narrative (referred to as the Project Description in the GPG) including the Results from Prior NSF Support must not exceed 15 pages, and must be prepared in accordance with the guidelines specified in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.d.](#)

#### **4.9 Attach Bibliography & References Cited (Field 9 on the Form)**

Provide a bibliography of any references cited in the Project Narrative. Each reference must include the names of all authors (in the same sequence in which they appear in the publication), the article and journal title, book title, volume number, page numbers, and year of publication. Include only bibliographic citations. Applicants should be especially careful to follow scholarly practices in providing citations for source materials relied upon when preparing any section of the application. Please click the add attachment button to the right of this field to complete this entry.



While there is no established page limitation for the references, this section must include bibliographic citations only and must not be used to provide parenthetical information outside of the 15-page Project Description. If the applicant has a Website address readily available, that information also should be included in the citation. It is not NSF's intent, however, to place an undue burden on applicants to search for the URL of every referenced publication. Therefore, inclusion of a Website address is optional. An application that includes reference citation(s) that do not specify a URL address is not considered to be in violation of NSF application preparation guidelines and the application will still be reviewed.

#### **4.10 Attach Documentation for Facilities & Other Resources (Field 10 on the Form)**

This information is used to assess the capability of the organizational resources available to perform the effort proposed. Identify the facilities to be used (Laboratory, Animal, Computer, Office, Clinical and Other). If appropriate, indicate their capacities, pertinent capabilities, relative proximity, and extent of availability to the project. Describe only those resources that are directly applicable to the proposed work. Provide any information describing the Other Resources available to the project (e.g., machine shop, electronic shop) and the extent to which they would be available to the project. To attach a document for Facilities and Other Resources, click "Add Attachment".



This information is used to assess the adequacy of the resources available to perform the effort proposed to satisfy both the Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts review criteria. Applicants should include an aggregated description of the internal and external resources (both physical and personnel) that the organization and its collaborators will provide to the project, should it be funded. Such information must be provided in this section, in lieu of other parts of the application (e.g., budget justification, project narrative). The description should be narrative in nature and must not include any quantifiable financial information. Reviewers will evaluate the information during the merit review process and the cognizant NSF Program Officer will review it for programmatic and technical sufficiency.

Although these resources are not considered cost sharing as defined in 2 CFR § 200.306, the Foundation does expect that the resources identified in the Facilities and Other Resources section will be provided, or made available, should the proposal be funded. [AAG Chapter II.B.1](#) specifies procedures for use by the awardee when there are postaward changes to objective, scope or methodology.



#### **4.11 Attach Equipment Documentation (Field 11 on the Form)**

List major items of equipment already available for this project and, if appropriate, identify location and pertinent capabilities. To attach a document for Equipment, click “Add Attachment”.



Applicants should include an aggregated description of the equipment that the organization and its collaborators will provide to the project, should it be funded.

Although these resources are not considered cost sharing as defined in 2 CFR § 200.306, the Foundation does expect that the equipment identified in the Equipment section will be provided, or made available, should the proposal be funded. [AAG Chapter II.B.1](#) specifies procedures for use by the awardee when there are postaward changes to objective, scope or methodology.

#### **4.12 Add Other Attachments (Field 12 on the Form)**

Attach file(s) using the appropriate buttons.



Except as specified in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.j](#), special information and supplementary documentation must be included as part of the project description (or part of the budget justification), if it is relevant to determining the quality of the proposed work. The categories of information identified in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.j](#), are not considered part of the 15-page project description limitation. This Special Information and Supplementary Documentation section also is not considered an appendix. Specific guidance on the need for additional documentation may be obtained from the organization’s sponsored projects office or in the references cited in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.j](#).



## 5. R&R SENIOR/KEY PERSON PROFILE (EXPANDED)

OMB Number: 4040-0001  
 Expiration Date: 6/30/2016

### RESEARCH & RELATED Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded)

PROFILE - Project Director/Principal Investigator			
Prefix:	<input type="text"/>	* First Name:	<input type="text"/>
		Middle Name:	<input type="text"/>
* Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	Suffix:	<input type="text"/>
Position/Title:	<input type="text"/>	Department:	<input type="text"/>
Organization Name:	<input type="text"/>	Division:	<input type="text"/>
* Street1:	<input type="text"/>		
Street2:	<input type="text"/>		
* City:	<input type="text"/>	County/ Parish:	<input type="text"/>
* State:	<input type="text"/>	Province:	<input type="text"/>
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text"/>
* Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>	Fax Number:	<input type="text"/>
* E-Mail:	<input type="text"/>		
Credential, e.g., agency login:	<input type="text"/>		
* Project Role:	PD/PI	Other Project Role Category:	<input type="text"/>
Degree Type:	<input type="text"/>		
Degree Year:	<input type="text"/>		
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Attach Current & Pending Support	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment View Attachment

PROFILE - Senior/Key Person 1			
Prefix:	<input type="text"/>	* First Name:	<input type="text"/>
		Middle Name:	<input type="text"/>
* Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	Suffix:	<input type="text"/>
Position/Title:	<input type="text"/>	Department:	<input type="text"/>
Organization Name:	<input type="text"/>	Division:	<input type="text"/>
* Street1:	<input type="text"/>		
Street2:	<input type="text"/>		
* City:	<input type="text"/>	County/ Parish:	<input type="text"/>
* State:	<input type="text"/>	Province:	<input type="text"/>
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text"/>
* Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>	Fax Number:	<input type="text"/>
* E-Mail:	<input type="text"/>		
Credential, e.g., agency login:	<input type="text"/>		
* Project Role:	<input type="text"/>	Other Project Role Category:	<input type="text"/>
Degree Type:	<input type="text"/>		
Degree Year:	<input type="text"/>		
Attach Biographical Sketch	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment View Attachment
Attach Current & Pending Support	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment View Attachment

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To ensure proper performance of this form, after adding 20 additional Senior/ Key Persons; please save your application, close the Adobe Reader, and reopen it.

Beginning with the PD/PI, provide a profile for each senior/key person proposed. Unless otherwise specified in an agency announcement, Senior/Key Personnel are defined as all individuals who contribute in a substantive, measurable way to the scientific development or execution of the project, whether or not salaries are requested. Consultants should be included if they meet this definition.



Definitions of categories of personnel are contained in [GPG Chapter II, Exhibit II-7](#).



### 5.1 Enter Profile – Project Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI)

Field Name	Input
Prefix	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The prefix (e.g., Mr., Mrs., Rev.) for the name of the Project Director.
*First Name	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The first (given) name of the Project Director. This field is required.
Middle Name	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The middle name of the Project Director.
*Last Name	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The last (family) name of the Project Director. This field is required.
Suffix	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The suffix (e.g., Jr, Sr, PhD) for the name of the Project Director.
Position/Title	Enter the position/title of the PD/PI. Pre-populated from the SF 424(R&R).
Department	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The title of the Department.
Organization Name	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The name of organization of the PD/PI.
Division	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The name of primary organizational division, office, or major subdivision of the PD/PI.
*Street 1	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The first line of the street address for the Project Director in the "Street 1" field. This field is required.
Street 2	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The second line of the street address for the Project Director in the "Street 2" field. This field is optional.
*City	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The city for address of Project Director. This field is required.
County/Parish	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The county/parish for address of Project Director.
*State	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The state where the Project Director is located. This field is required if the Project Director is located in the United States.
Province	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The Province where the Project Director is located.
*Zip Code	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The postal Code (e.g., ZIP code) of Project Director. This field is required if the Project Director is located in the United States.
*Country	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The country for the Project Director address. This field is required.
*Phone Number	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The daytime phone number for the Project Director. This field is required.
Fax Number	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The fax number for the Project Director.
Email	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). The e-mail address for the Project Director. This field is required for Project Director.
Credential, e.g., agency	If the application is being submitted to an agency (e.g. NIH) where the PD/PI has an established personal profile, enter the agency ID. If not, leave blank.
*Project Role	Use "Other" if a category is not listed in the pick list. This field is required.
Other Project Role Category	Complete if "Other Professional" or "Other" has been selected as a project role; e.g., Engineer, Chemist.
Degree Type	Enter the highest academic or professional degree or other credentials (e.g., RN).
Degree Year	Enter the year the highest degree or other credential was obtained.



If the PD/PI is already registered in the NSF FastLane system, enter the NSF ID for the PD/PI in the "Credential, e.g., agency login" field.



For the Degree Type, enter the abbreviation for the degree type using the table in Section 5.11 below. If the individual is already registered in the NSF FastLane system, the Degree Type and Degree Year in FastLane will not be overwritten by the Degree Type and Degree Year in the application.





## 5.2 Attach Biographical Sketch

Provide a biographical sketch for the PD/PI. Recommended information includes: Education and Training, Research and Professional Experience, Collaborators and Affiliations (for conflicts of interest), Products and Synergistic Activities. Save the information in a single file and attach here. This field is required.



A biographical sketch (limited to two pages) is required for the individual identified as the PD/PI. The information must be provided **in the order and format** established in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.f](#).

## 5.3 Attach Current and Pending Support

Provide a list of all current and pending support for the PD/PI (even if they receive no salary support from the project(s)) for ongoing projects and pending applications. Show the total award amount for the entire award period (including indirect costs) as well as the number of person-months per year to be devoted to the project by the senior/key person, regardless of source of support. Concurrent submission of an application to other organizations will not prejudice its review.



All current and pending project support (**including this project**) from whatever source (e.g., Federal, State, local or foreign government agencies, public or private foundations, industrial or other commercial organizations) must be listed. With regard to the statement above that "Concurrent submission of an application to other organizations for simultaneous consideration will not prejudice its review," please note the Biological Sciences Directorate Policy specified in Chapter III, Section 4.1 of this Guide.

## 5.4 Enter Profile – Senior/Key Person(s)

Beginning with Senior/Key Person 1, provide a profile for each senior/key person proposed.

Field Name	Input
Prefix	Enter the prefix (e.g., Mr., Mrs., Rev.) for the name of the Senior/Key Person.
*First Name	Enter first (given) name of the Senior/Key Person. This field is required.
Middle Name	Enter the middle name of the senior/key person.
*Last Name	Enter the last (family) name of the Senior/Key Person. This field is required.
Suffix	Enter the suffix (e.g., Jr, Sr, PhD) for the name of the Senior/Key Person.
Position/Title	Enter the title of the Senior/Key Person.
Department	Enter the name of the primary organizational department, service, laboratory, or equivalent level within the organization of the Senior/Key Person.
Organization Name	Enter the name of the organization of the Senior/Key Person.
Division	Enter the name of primary organizational division, office, or major subdivision of the Senior/Key Person.
*Street 1	Enter first line of the street address for the Senior/Key Person in the "Street 1" field. This field is required.
Street 2	Enter second line of the street address for the Senior/Key Person in the "Street 2" field. This field is optional.
*City	Enter the city for address of Senior/Key Person. This field is required.
County/Parish	Enter the county/parish for address of Senior/Key Person.
*State	Enter the State where the Senior/Key Person is located. This field is required if the Senior/Key Person is located in the United States.
Province	Enter the Province where Senior/Key Person is located.
*Zip Code	Enter the Postal Code (e.g., ZIP code) of Senior/Key Person. This field is required if the Senior/Key Person is located in the United States.
*Country	Select the country for the Senior/Key Person address.
*Phone Number	Enter the daytime phone number for the Senior/Key Person. This field is required.
Fax Number	Enter the fax number of the senior/key person.



*Email	Enter the e-mail address for the Senior/Key Person. This field is required for the Senior/Key Person.
Credential, e.g., agency login	If the application is being submitted to an agency (e.g. NIH) where the senior/key person has an established personal profile, enter the agency ID. If not, leave blank.
*Project Role	Select one. Use "Other" if a category is not listed in the pick list. This field is required.
Other Project Role Category	Complete if "Other Professional" or "Other" has been selected as a project role; e.g., Engineer, Chemist.
Degree Type	Enter the highest academic or professional degree or other credentials (e.g., RN).
Degree Year	Enter the year the highest degree or other credential was obtained.



If a Senior/Key Person is already registered in the NSF FastLane system, enter the NSF ID for that Senior/Key Person in the "Credential, e.g., agency login" field.



For the Degree Type, enter the abbreviation for the degree type using the table in Section 5.11 below.

### 5.5 Attach Biographical Sketch

Provide a biographical sketch for each senior/key person. Recommended information includes - Education and Training, Research and Professional Experience, Collaborators and Affiliations (for conflicts of interest), Products and Synergistic Activities. Save the information in a single file and attach. This is required information.



A biographical sketch (limited to two pages) is required for each individual identified as senior project personnel. The information must be provided **in the order and format** established in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.f](#).

### 5.6 Attach Current and Pending Support

Provide a list of all current and pending support for each senior/key person (even if they receive no salary support from the project(s)) for ongoing projects and pending applications. Show the total award amount for the entire award period (including indirect costs) as well as the number of person-months per year to be devoted to the project by the senior/key person, regardless of source of support. Concurrent submission of an application to other organizations for simultaneous consideration will not prejudice its review.



All current and pending project support (**including this project**) from whatever source (e.g., Federal, State, local or foreign government agencies, public or private foundations, industrial or other commercial organizations) must be listed. With regard to the statement above that "Concurrent submission of an application to other organizations for simultaneous consideration will not prejudice its review," please note the Biological Sciences Directorate Policy specified Chapter III, Section 4.1 of this Guide.

### 5.7 Enter Additional Senior/Key Person Profile(s)

Once a profile is entered for senior/key person 1, the applicant may enter up to ninety nine additional senior/key person profiles on the R&R Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) form/document.

To enter additional senior/key person profiles, select the "Next Person" button on the R&R Senior/Key Person (Expanded) form/document.



PROFILE - Senior/Key Person 1			
Prefix: <input type="text"/>	* First Name: <input type="text"/>	Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text"/>		Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
Position/Title: <input type="text"/>	Department: <input type="text"/>		
Organization Name: <input type="text"/>	Division: <input type="text"/>		
* Street1: <input type="text"/>			
Street2: <input type="text"/>			
* City: <input type="text"/>	County/ Parish: <input type="text"/>		
* State: <input type="text"/>	Province: <input type="text"/>		
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text"/>		
* Phone Number: <input type="text"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>		
* E-Mail: <input type="text"/>			
Credential, e.g., agency login: <input type="text"/>			
* Project Role: <input type="text"/>	Other Project Role Category: <input type="text"/>		
Degree Type: <input type="text"/>			
Degree Year: <input type="text"/>			
* Attach Biographical Sketch <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
Attach Current & Pending Support <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
<input type="button" value="Delete Entry"/>			<input type="button" value="Next Person"/>

This will display “Profile - Senior/Key Person 2”. Follow the instructions above to enter additional profiles (up to 99 people maximum).



Applications submitted to NSF may identify a **maximum of four co-Principal Investigators**. In cases where applications are submitted that include more than 4 co-PIs, NSF **only will use the first 4 co-PIs entered** on this form. Any person identified as a co-PI after the first 4 co-PIs listed will have their role changed to “Senior Key Person” in NSF’s FastLane system.

### 5.8 Attach Additional Senior Key Person Profiles

If more than 99 senior/key person profiles are proposed, provide the information requested in a separate file and attach here.

### 5.9 Attach Additional Biographical Sketch(es) (Senior Key Person)

Provide a biographical sketch for each senior/key person. Recommended information includes: Education and Training, Research and Professional Experience, Collaborators and Affiliations (for conflicts of interest), Publications and Synergistic Activities. Save the information in a single file and attach here.



A biographical sketch (limited to two pages) is required for each individual identified as senior project personnel. The information must be provided **in the order and format** established in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.f](#).

### 5.10 Attach Additional Current and Pending Support(s)

Provide a list of all current and pending support for the PI and each senior/key person (even if they receive no salary support from the projects(s)) for ongoing projects and pending applications. Show the total award amount for the entire award period (including indirect costs) as well as the number of person-months per year to be devoted to the project by the senior/key person, regardless of source of support. Concurrent submission of an application to other organizations will not prejudice its review.



All current and pending project support (**including this project**) from whatever source (e.g., Federal, State, local or foreign government agencies, public or private foundations, industrial or other commercial organizations) must be listed. With regard to the statement above that "Concurrent submission of an application to other organizations for simultaneous consideration will not prejudice its review," please note the Biological Sciences Directorate Policy specified Chapter III, Section 4.1 of this Guide.

### 5.11 Full Listing of Valid NSF degree types



The following table lists all of the valid NSF degree types. When entering the highest degree type for the PD/PI or any of the additional senior/key persons on the R&R Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) form, refer to the following table. Locate the correct degree, and enter the abbreviation from the column on the left.

Abbreviation	Degree Type
AA	Associate in Arts
AS	Associate in Science
BA	Bachelor of Arts
BAgr	Bachelor of Agriculture
BArch	Bachelor of Architecture
BBA	Bachelor of Business Administration
BCE	Bachelor of Civil Engineering
BComm	Bachelor of Commerce (Canada)
BEd	Bachelor of Education
BEng	Bachelor of Engineering
BFA	Bachelor of Fine Arts
BME	Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering
BS	Bachelor of Science
D.O.	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
DA	Doctor of Arts
DAgr	Doctor of Agriculture
DC	Doctor of Chiropractics
DCL	Doctor of Civil Law
DCommun	Doctor of Communication
DD	Doctor of Divinity
DDS	Doctor of Dental Science (or Surgery)
DEcon	Doctor of Economics
DEd	Doctor of Education
DEng	Doctor of Engineering
DFA	Doctor of Fine Arts
DFES	Doctor of Forestry/Environmental Studies
DH	Doctor of Humanities
DHA	Doctor of Hospital Administration
DLit	Doctor of Literature
DLS	Doctor of Library Science
DMA	Doctor of Musical Arts
DMin	Doctor of Ministry
DPA	Doctor of Public Administration
DPE	Doctor of Physical Education
DPhil	Doctor of Philosophy
DrPH	Doctor of Public Health
DSc	Doctor of Science
DSN	Doctorate of Science, in Nursing
DSSc	Doctor of Social Science

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DSW	Doctor of Social Work
DVM	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
DVS	Doctor of Veterinary Science
EdD	Doctor of Education
HABIL	Habilitation
HS	High School (or GED equivalent)
JD	Jurum Doctor (Doctor of Laws)
LLD	Legum Doctor (Doctor of Laws)
LLM	Legum Magister (Master of Laws)
MA	Master of Arts
MAEd	Master of Arts, in Education
MAgr	Master of Agriculture
MArch	Master of Architecture
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MCE	Master of Civil Engineering
MCL	Master of Civil Law
MCommun	Master of Communication
MD	Medical Doctor
MDiv	Master of Divinity
MDS	Master of Dental Science (or Surgery)
MEcon	Master of Economics
MEd	Master of Education
MEE	Master of Electrical Engineering
MEM	Master of Environmental Management
MEng	Master of Engineering
MESc	Master of Environmental Science
MF	Master of Forestry
MFA	Master of Fine Arts
MFS	Master of Forest Science
MGA	Master of General Administration
MIS	Master of Information Systems
MLA	Master of Landscape Architecture
MLit	Master of Literature
MLS	Master of Library Science
MME	Master of Mechanical Engineering
MPA	Master of Public Administration
MPd	Master of Pedagogy
MPE	Master of Physical Education
MPH	Master of Public Health
MPhil	Master of Philosophy
MS	Master of Science
MSEd	Master of Science, in Education
MSSc	Master of Social Science
MST	Master of Sacred Theology
MSW	Master of Social Work
MTh	Master of Theology, in Religion
OD	Doctor of Optometry
PharD	Doctor of Pharmacy
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
ScD	Doctor of Science
SJD	Doctor of Juridical Science
ThD	Doctor of Theology, in Religion
UKNW	No degree information specified
VMD	Veterinary Medical Doctor



## 6. R&R Personal Data

OMB Number: 4040-0001  
 Expiration Date: 6/30/2016

### RESEARCH & RELATED PERSONAL DATA Project Director/Principal Investigator and Co-Project Director(s)/Co-Principal Investigator(s)

The Federal Government has a continuing commitment to monitor the operation of its review and award processes to identify and address any inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of its proposed PDs/PIs and co-PDs/PIs. To gather information needed for this important task, the applicant should submit the requested information for each identified PD/PI and co-PDs/PIs with each proposal. Submission of the requested information is voluntary and is not a precondition of award. However, information not submitted will seriously undermine the statistical validity, and therefore the usefulness, of information received from others. Any individual not wishing to submit some or all the information should check the box provided for this purpose. Upon receipt of the application, this form will be separated from the application. This form will not be duplicated, and it will not be a part of the review process. Data will be confidential.

Project Director/Principal Investigator		
Prefix:	* First Name:	Middle Name:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Last Name:	Suffix:	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Gender:	<input type="text"/>	
Race (check all that apply):	Ethnicity:	Disability Status (check all that apply):
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Wish to Provide	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility/Orthopedic Impairment <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Wish to Provide
Citizenship:	<input type="text"/>	
<input type="button" value="Next Person"/>		

The Federal Government has a continuing commitment to monitor the operation of its review and award processes to identify and address any inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of its proposed PDs/PIs and co-PDs/PIs. To gather information needed for this important task, the applicant should submit the requested information for each identified PD/PI and co-PD/PI with each application. Submission of the requested information is voluntary and is not a precondition of award. However, information not submitted will seriously undermine the statistical validity, and therefore the usefulness of information received from others. Any individual not wishing to submit some or all the information should check the box provided for this purpose. Upon receipt of the application, this form will be separated from the application. This form will not be duplicated, and it will not be a part of the review process. Data will be confidential.



Collection of this information is authorized by and will be used in accordance with the NSF Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1861, et seq. Demographic data allows NSF to gauge whether our programs and other opportunities in science and technology are fairly reaching and benefiting everyone regardless of demographic category; to ensure that those in under-represented groups have the same knowledge of and access to programs and other research and educational opportunities; and to assess involvement of international investigators in work supported by NSF. The information may be disclosed to government contractors, experts, volunteers, and researchers to complete assigned work; and to other government agencies in order to coordinate and assess programs. The information may be added to the Reviewer file and used to select potential candidates to serve as peer reviewers or advisory committee members. See Systems of Records, NSF-50, "Principal Investigator/Proposal File and Associated Records," 69 Federal Register 26410 (May 12, 2004), and NSF-51, "Reviewer/Proposal File and Associated Records," 69 Federal Register 26410 (May 12, 2004).



If any of the individuals listed in the application are registered in NSF's FastLane system, the demographic information in the application will not overwrite the demographic information in FastLane.

**6.1 Enter Project Director/Principal Investigator**

Field Name	Input
Prefix	Enter the prefix (e.g., Mr., Mrs., Rev.) for the name of the PD/PI. Pre-populated from SF 424 R&R.
*First Name	Enter the first (given) name of the PD/PI. This field is required. Pre-populated from SF 424 R&R.
Middle Name	Enter the middle name of the PD/PI. Pre-populated from SF 424 R&R.
*Last Name	Enter the last (family) name of the PD/PI. This field is required. Pre-populated from SF-424 R&R.
Suffix	Enter the suffix (e.g., Jr, Sr, PhD) for the name of the PD/PI. Pre-populated from SF 424 R&R.
Gender	Select the gender of the Project Director/Principal Investigator.
Race (check all that apply)	<p>Choose one or more.</p> <p><i>American Indian or Alaska Native:</i> A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central, or South America, and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.</p> <p><i>Asian:</i> A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam. (Note, individuals from the Philippine Islands have been recorded as Pacific Islanders in previous data collection strategies.)</p> <p><i>Black or African American:</i> A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.</p> <p><i>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:</i> A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.</p> <p><i>White:</i> A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.</p>
Ethnicity	<p>Choose one:</p> <p><i>Hispanic or Latino</i> - A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race</p> <p><i>Non-Hispanic or Latino</i></p> <p><i>Do Not Wish to Provide</i></p>
Disability Status (check all that apply)	<p>Check one or more:</p> <p><i>Hearing</i></p> <p><i>Visual</i></p> <p><i>Mobility/Orthopedic Impairment</i></p> <p><i>Other</i></p> <p><i>None</i></p> <p><i>Do Not Wish to Provide</i></p>
Citizenship	<p>Choose one:</p> <p><i>US Citizen</i></p> <p><i>Permanent Resident</i></p> <p><i>Other non-US Citizen</i></p> <p><i>Do Not Wish to Provide</i></p>

**6.2 Enter Co-Project Director/co-Principal Investigator Information**

To enter Co-Project Director/co-Principal Investigator information click on the "Next Person" button.



## 7. R&R FUNDS REQUESTED BUDGET

RESEARCH & RELATED BUDGET - Budget Period 1 Delete Period OMB Number: 4040-0001  
 Expiration Date: 6/30/2016

ORGANIZATIONAL DUNS:  Enter name of Organization:

Budget Type:  Project  Subaward/Consortium Budget Period: 1 Start Date:  End Date:

**A. Senior/Key Person**

Prefix	First	Middle	Last	Suffix	Base Salary (\$)	Months			Requested Salary (\$)	Fringe Benefits (\$)	Funds Requested (\$)
						Cal.	Acad.	Sum.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>											
Project Role: <input type="text"/>											
<input type="button" value="Add Additional Key Person"/>											
Additional Senior Key Persons: <input type="text"/>										<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
										Total Funds requested for all Senior Key Persons in the attached file <input type="text"/>	
										Total Senior/Key Person <input type="text"/>	

**B. Other Personnel**

Number of Personnel	Project Role	Months			Requested Salary (\$)	Fringe Benefits (\$)	Funds Requested (\$)
		Cal.	Acad.	Sum.			
<input type="text"/>	Post Doctoral Associates						
<input type="text"/>	Graduate Students						
<input type="text"/>	Undergraduate Students						
<input type="text"/>	Secretarial/Clerical						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
<input type="button" value="Add Additional Other Personnel"/>							
<input type="text"/> Total Number Other Personnel							Total Other Personnel <input type="text"/>
							Total Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits (A+B) <input type="text"/>

### 7.1 Enter Budget Information



Applicants will be using the SF 424 R&R "Funds Requested" budget type to prepare their application for submission to NSF.

Field Name	Input
*Budget Type	Project, Subaward/Consortium: Check the appropriate block.  Project: The budget requested for the primary applicant organization.  Subaward/Consortium: The budget requested for subawardee/consortium organization(s). Note, separate budgets are required only for subawardee/consortium organizations that perform a substantive portion of the project.  If creating a Subaward Budget, use the R&R Subaward Budget Attachment and attach as a separate file on the R&R Budget Attachment(s) form.
*Start Date	Pre-populated from the SF 424 (R&R). Enter the requested/proposed start date of each budget period. This field is required.
*End Date	Enter the requested/proposed end date of each budget period. This field is required.
Budget Period	Identifies the specific budget period; e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. If submitting through Grants.gov, the system will automatically generate a cumulative budget for the total project period. This field is required.

### 7.2 Enter Senior/Key Person (Field A on the Form)

This section identifies names of senior/key personnel. Each person identified in the senior/key person profile that is an employee of the applying organization must be listed in this section if funds are requested.





Enter the name (first name, middle initial, last name) for each senior/key personnel **exactly** as entered on other forms/documents in the application package. Do not enter a duplicate name for any senior/key personnel identified. If a duplicate name is entered in this section for any of the senior/key personnel, then the application will not be inserted into FastLane and therefore will not be reviewed. This section should also include such roles as co-PD/PI, Postdoctoral Associates, and Other Professionals.



As a general policy, NSF recognizes that salaries of faculty members and other personnel associated directly with the project constitute appropriate direct costs and may be requested in proportion to the effort devoted to the project. NSF regards research as one of the normal functions of faculty members at institutions of higher education. Compensation for time normally spent on research within the term of appointment is deemed to be included within the faculty member's regular organizational salary.



As a general policy, NSF limits salary compensation for senior personnel to no more than two months of their regular salary in any one year. This limit includes salary compensation received **from all NSF-funded grants**. This effort must be documented in accordance with 2 CFR § 200, subpart E . If anticipated, any compensation for such personnel in excess of two months must be disclosed in the proposal budget, justified in the budget justification, and must be specifically approved by NSF in the award budget.

The names of the PI(s), faculty, and other senior personnel and the estimated number of full-time-equivalent person-months for which NSF funding is requested, and the total amount of salaries requested per year, must be listed. For consistency with the NSF cost sharing policy, if person months will be requested for senior personnel, a corresponding salary amount must be entered on the budget. If no person months and no salary are being requested for senior personnel, the proposal will need to be submitted via FastLane as Grants.gov does not currently have a mechanism to remove PIs from the budget form.

These same general principles apply to other types of non-academic organizations.

Field Name	Input
Prefix	Select the prefix of the senior/key person.
*First Name	Enter the first name of the senior/key person. This is required information.
Middle Name	Enter the middle name of the senior/key person.
*Last Name	Enter the last name of the senior/key person. This is required information.
Suffix	Select the suffix of the senior/key person.
*Project Role	Enter the project role of the senior/key person. This is required information.
Base Salary (\$)	Enter the annual compensation paid by the employer for each senior/key personnel. This includes all activities such as research, teaching, patient care, or other. The applicant may choose to leave this column blank.
Cal. Months	Identify the number of calendar months devoted to the project.
Acad. Months	Identify the number of academic months devoted to the project.
Sum. Months	Identify the number of summer months devoted to the project.
*Requested Salary (\$)	Regardless of the number of months being devoted to the project, indicate only the amount of salary being requested for this budget period for each senior/key person. This is required information.
*Fringe Benefits (\$)	Enter the applicable fringe benefits, if any, for each senior/key person. This is required information.



If the grantee's usual accounting practices provide that its contributions to employee benefits (leave, employee insurance, social security, retirement, other payroll-related taxes, etc.) be treated as direct costs, NSF funds may be requested to fund fringe benefits as a direct cost.

Field Name	Input
*Funds Requested (\$)	Enter requested salary & fringe benefit for each senior/key person. This is required information.
Total Funds requested for all Senior Key Persons in the Attached File	Total Funds requested for all Senior Key Persons in the attached file.
Total Senior/Key Person	This total will auto-calculate.

*Additional Senior Key Persons* - If funds are requested for more than 8 Senior/Key Persons, include all pertinent budget information and attach as a file here. Enter the total funds requested for all additional senior/key persons in line 9 of Section A.



NSF policy permits an applicant organization to request that salary data on senior personnel not be released to persons outside the Government during the review process. If this option is exercised, such applications must be submitted via the NSF FastLane system in accordance with the instructions identified in [GPG Chapter I.D.3.](#) and [Chapter II.C.2.g.\(i\)\(d\).](#)

### 7.3 Enter Other Personnel (Field B on the Form)

Field Name	Input
*Number of Personnel	For each project role category, identify the number of personnel proposed. This is required information.
*Project Role	For each project role category identify the number of personnel proposed.
Cal. Months	Identify the number of calendar months devoted to the project.
Acad. Months	Identify the number of academic months devoted to the project.
Sum. Months	Identify the number of summer months devoted to the project
*Requested Salary (\$)	Regardless of the number of months being devoted to the project, indicate only the amount of salary/wages being requested for each project role. This is required information.
*Fringe Benefits (\$)	Enter applicable fringe benefits, if any, for this project role category. This is required information.
*Funds Requested (\$)	Enter requested salary/wages & fringe benefits for each project role. This is required information.
Total Number of Other Personnel	Enter Total Number of Other Personnel.



The salaries of administrative and clerical staff should normally be treated as indirect (F&A) costs. Inclusion of such costs on a proposal budget may be appropriate in accordance with the instructions identified in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.g.\(i\)\(b\).](#)



**C. Equipment Description**

List items and dollar amount for each item exceeding \$5,000

Equipment item	Funds Requested (\$)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Add Additional Equipment"/>	
Additional Equipment: <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
Total funds requested for all equipment listed in the attached file	
Total Equipment	

**D. Travel**

	Funds Requested (\$)
1. Domestic Travel Costs ( Incl. Canada, Mexico and U.S. Possessions)	<input type="text"/>
2. Foreign Travel Costs	<input type="text"/>
Total Travel Cost	<input type="text"/>

**E. Participant/Trainee Support Costs**

	Funds Requested (\$)
1. Tuition/Fees/Health Insurance	<input type="text"/>
2. Stipends	<input type="text"/>
3. Travel	<input type="text"/>
4. Subsistence	<input type="text"/>
5. Other <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/> Number of Participants/Trainees	Total Participant/Trainee Support Costs
	<input type="text"/>

#### 7.4 Enter Equipment Description (Field C on the Form)

Equipment is defined as an item of property that has an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more (unless the organization has established lower levels) and an expected service life of more than one year.

**Equipment item** - List each item of equipment separately and justify each in the budget justification section. Allowable items ordinarily will be limited to research equipment and apparatus not already available for the conduct of the work. General-purpose equipment, such as a personal computer, is not eligible for support unless primarily or exclusively used in the actual conduct of scientific research.

\* **Funds Requested (\$)** - List the estimated cost of each item of equipment including shipping and any maintenance costs and agreements. Dollar amount for item should exceed \$5000.

**Total funds requested for all equipment listed in the attached file** - Total funds requested for all equipment listed in the attached file. Dollar amount for item should exceed \$5000.

**Total Equipment** – Total Funds requested for all equipment.

#### 7.5 Enter Travel (Field D on the Form)

- Domestic Travel Costs (Incl. U.S. Territories and Possessions) Funds Requested (\$)** – Identify the total funds requested for domestic travel. Domestic travel includes travel within and between the US, its territories and possessions. In the budget justification section, include purpose, destination, dates of travel (if known) and number of individuals for each trip. If the dates of travel are not known, specify estimated length of trip (e.g., 3 days).



According to the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. territories and possessions are as follows: Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,



Midway Island, Wake Island, Palmyra Island, Howland Island, Johnston Island, Baker Island, Kingman Reef, Jarvis Island, and other U.S. islands, cays, and reefs that are not part of any of the fifty states. See also: <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/International-Taxpayers/Persons-Employed-In-U.S.-Possessions>

- 2. Foreign Travel Costs Funds Requested (\$)** - Identify the total funds requested for foreign travel. Travel outside the areas specified above is considered foreign travel. In the budget justification section, include purpose, destination, dates of travel (if known) and number of individuals for each trip. If the dates of travel are not known, specify estimated length of trip (e.g., 3 days).



All foreign travel must be justified in the budget justification. The proposal must include relevant information, including countries to be visited (also enter names of countries on the proposal budget), dates of visit, if known.



Allowance for air travel normally will not exceed the cost of round-trip, economy airfares. Persons traveling under NSF grants must travel by U.S. Flag Air carriers, if available. See also [GPG Chapter II.C.2.g.\(iv\)\(a\)](#).

**Total Travel Costs** – Total Funds requested for all travel.

## 7.6 Enter Participant/Trainee Support Costs (Field E on the Form)

Participant costs are the costs associated with conference, workshop, or symposium attendees that are not employees of the applicant or a subawardee. Trainee costs are the costs associated with educational projects that support trainees (pre-college, college, graduate and post graduate). List total costs for each budget item and the number of participants/trainees. In the budget justification, identify the purpose of the conference/training, dates, and places and justify costs.



Participant support refers to costs for items such as stipends or subsistence allowances, travel allowances, and registration fees paid to or on behalf of participants or trainees (but not employees) in connection with NSF-sponsored conferences or training projects. Any additional categories of participant support costs other than those described in 2 CFR § 200.75 (such as incentives, gifts, souvenirs, t-shirts and memorabilia), must be justified in the budget justification, and such costs will be closely scrutinized by NSF. See [also GPG Chapter II.C.2.g.\(v\)](#) and [Chapter II.D.9](#).

Generally, indirect costs (F&A) are not allowed on participant support costs. See [GPG Chapter II.C.2.g.\(viii\)](#) for additional information.

- 1. Tuition/Fees/Health Insurance** - List total funds requested for Participant/Trainee Tuition/Fees/Health Insurance.
  - 2. Stipends** - List total funds requested for Participant/Trainee Stipends.
  - 3. Travel** - List total funds requested for Participant/Trainee Travel.
  - 4. Subsistence** - List total funds requested for Participant/Trainee Subsistence.
  - 5. Other** - Describe any other participant trainee funds requested.
- Number of Participants/Trainees** – List the total number of participants/trainees.



**7.7 Total Participant/Trainee Support Costs – Total Funds requested for all trainee costs.**

F. Other Direct Costs				Funds Requested (\$)
1.	Materials and Supplies			
2.	Publication Costs			
3.	Consultant Services			
4.	ADP/Computer Services			
5.	Subawards/Consortium/Contractual Costs			
6.	Equipment or Facility Rental/User Fees			
7.	Alterations and Renovations			
8.				
9.				
10.				
Total Other Direct Costs				

  

G. Direct Costs		Funds Requested (\$)
Total Direct Costs (A thru F)		

  

H. Indirect Costs			
Indirect Cost Type	Indirect Cost Rate (%)	Indirect Cost Base (\$)	Funds Requested (\$)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total Indirect Costs			<input type="text"/>

  

Cognizant Federal Agency (Agency Name, POC Name, and POC Phone Number)	<input type="text"/>
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I. Total Direct and Indirect Costs	Funds Requested (\$)
Total Direct and Indirect Institutional Costs (G + H)	<input type="text"/>

  

J. Fee	Funds Requested (\$)
	<input type="text"/>

  

K. Budget Justification			
(Only attach one file.)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/>
		<input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Period"/>

**7.8 Enter Other Direct Costs (Field F on the Form)**

- Materials and Supplies** - List total funds requested for materials & supplies. In the budget justification, indicate general categories such as glassware, chemicals, animal costs, including an amount for each category. Categories less than \$1,000 do not require itemization.
- Publication Costs** - List the total publication funds requested. The application budget may request funds for the costs of documenting, preparing, publishing or otherwise making available to others the findings and products of the work conducted under the award. In the budget justification include supporting information.
- Consultant Services** - List the total costs for all consultant services. In the budget justification, identify each consultant, the services he/she will perform, total number of days, travel costs, and total estimated costs.



Consultant Services are also referred to as Professional Service Costs. Anticipated services must be justified and information furnished on each individual's expertise, primary organizational affiliation, normal daily compensation rate, and number of days of expected service. Consultants' travel costs, including subsistence, also may be included. If requested, the proposer must be able to justify that the proposed rate of pay is reasonable. Additional information on consultant or professional service costs is available [GPG Chapter II.C.2.g\(vi\)\(c\)](#).

- ADP/Computer Services** - List total funds requested for ADP/Computer Services. The cost of computer services, including computer-based retrieval of scientific, technical and education information may be



requested. In the budget justification, include the established computer service rates at the proposing organization if applicable.

5. **Subawards/Consortium/Contractual Costs** - List total funds requested for 1) all subaward/consortium organization(s) proposed for the project and 2) any other contractual costs proposed for the project.



Except for the purchase of materials and supplies, equipment or general support services allowable under the grant, no portion of the proposed activity may be subawarded, transferred, or contracted out to another organization without written prior NSF authorization. Such authorization must be provided either through inclusion of the subaward(s) on an NSF award budget or by receiving written prior approval from the cognizant NSF Grants Officer. See also [GPG Chapter II.C.2.g\(vi\)\(e\)](#).

6. **Equipment or Facility Rental/User Fees** - List total funds requested for Equipment or Facility Rental/Use Fees. In the budget justification, identify each rental user fee and justify.
7. **Alterations and Renovations** - List total funds requested for Alterations & Renovations. In the budget justification, itemize, by category and justify the costs of alterations and renovations including repairs, painting, removal or installation of partitions, shielding, or air conditioning. Where applicable, provide the square footage and costs.

**Total Other Direct Costs** – This total will auto-calculate.

#### 7.9 Verify Total Direct Costs (Field G on the Form)

**Total Direct Costs (A-F)** – Total Funds requested for all direct costs.

#### 7.10 Enter Indirect Costs (Field H on the Form)

**Indirect Cost Type** - Indicate the type of base; e.g., Salary & Wages, Modified Total Direct Costs, Other (explain). Also indicate if Off-site. If more than one rate/base is involved, use separate lines for each. If the applicant does not have a current indirect rate(s) approved by a Federal agency, indicate, "None--will negotiate" and include information for a proposed rate. Use the budget justification if additional space is needed.

**Indirect Cost Rate (%)** - Indicate the most recent Indirect Cost rate(s) (also known as Facilities & Administrative Costs [F&A]) established with the cognizant Federal office, or in the case of for-profit organizations, the rate(s) established with the appropriate agency. If the applicant has a cognizant/ oversight agency and is selected for an award, the applicant must submit the indirect rate proposal to that office for approval. If the applicant does not have a cognizant/oversight agency, contact the awarding agency.

**Indirect Cost Base** - Enter the amount of the base for each indirect cost type.

\* **Funds Requested (\$)** - Enter funds requested for each indirect cost type.



Except where specifically identified in an NSF program solicitation, the applicable U.S. federally negotiated indirect cost rate(s) must be used in computing indirect costs (F&A) for the application. Additional information on the charging of indirect costs to an NSF award is available in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.g\(viii\)](#) and [AAG Chapter V.D](#).

#### 7.11 Verify Total Indirect Costs

**Cognizant Federal Agency** - Enter the name of the cognizant Federal Agency, name & phone number of the individual responsible for negotiating your rate. If no cognizant agency is known, enter "None".



Except as noted in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.g.\(v\)](#) and [Chapter II.D.9](#), or in an NSF program solicitation, the applicable indirect cost rate(s) negotiated by the organization with the cognizant negotiating agency must be used in computing indirect costs (F&A) for a proposal according to 2 CFR 200.414. The amount for indirect costs should be calculated by applying the current negotiated indirect cost rate(s) to the approved base(s). Indirect cost recovery for colleges, universities, and other organizations of higher education are additionally restricted by 2 CFR 200. Appendix III, paragraph C.7. which stipulates that Federal agencies are required to use the negotiated F&A rates that are in effect at the time of the initial award throughout the life of the sponsored agreement. Additional information on the charging of indirect costs to an NSF award is available in [AAG Chapter V.D.](#)

<b>I. Total Direct and Indirect Costs</b>		<b>Funds Requested (\$)</b>
Total Direct and Indirect Institutional Costs (G + H)		<input type="text"/>
<b>J. Fee</b>		<b>Funds Requested (\$)</b>
		<input type="text"/>
<b>K. * Budget Justification</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
(Only attach one file.)		

**7.12 Verify Total Direct and Indirect Costs (Field I on the Form)**

**Total Direct and Indirect Institutional Cost (G +-H)** – Total Funds requested for direct and indirect costs.

**7.13 Enter Fee (Field J on the Form)**

Generally, a fee is not allowed on a grant or cooperative agreement. Do not include a fee in the budget, unless the program announcement specifically allows the inclusion of a "fee" (e.g., SBIR/STTR). If a fee is allowable, enter the requested fee.



Inclusion of fees (profit) in a budget is allowable only if specifically authorized by an NSF program solicitation. However, NSF does not support inclusion of fees through Grants.gov submitted applications. To include fees in the budget, the applicant must either: (1) submit the application through Grants.gov then prepare a revised budget through the NSF FastLane system, or (2) submit the application directly through FastLane.

**7.14 Enter Budget Justification (Field K on the Form)**



Use the budget justification to provide the additional information requested in each budget category identified above and any other information the applicant wishes to submit to support the budget request. The budget justification must be no more than three pages per proposal. See also [GPG Chapter II.C.2.g.](#) -. Only one file may be attached.



## 8. R&R SUBAWARD BUDGET ATTACHMENT(S) FORM

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### R&R Subaward Budget (Fed/Non-Fed) Attachment(s) Form

**Instructions:** On this form, you will attach the R&R Subaward Budget (Fed/Non-Fed) files for your grant application. Complete the subawardee budget(s) in accordance with the R&R (Fed/Non-Fed) budget instructions. Please remember that any files you attach must be a PDF document.

Click here to extract the R&R Budget (Fed/Non-Fed) Attachment

**Important:** Please attach your subawardee budget file(s) with the file name of the subawardee organization. Each file name must be unique.

1) Please attach Attachment 1	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment	View Attachment
2) Please attach Attachment 2	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment	View Attachment
3) Please attach Attachment 3	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment	View Attachment
4) Please attach Attachment 4	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment	View Attachment
5) Please attach Attachment 5	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment	View Attachment
6) Please attach Attachment 6	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment	View Attachment
7) Please attach Attachment 7	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment	View Attachment
8) Please attach Attachment 8	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment	View Attachment
9) Please attach Attachment 9	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment	View Attachment
10) Please attach Attachment 10	<input type="text"/>	Add Attachment	Delete Attachment	View Attachment

On this form/document, you may attach up to 10 R&R Subaward Budget files for your grant application. Complete the subawardee budget(s) in accordance with the R&R budget instructions. Please remember that any file(s) you attach must be a PDF document.

To extract or download, fill and attach each additional R&R Subaward Budget Attachment form/document, simply follow these steps:

1. On the R&R Subaward Budget Attachment form/document, press the “Click here to extract the R&R Budget (Fed/Non-Fed) Attachment” button to download the form.

Click here to extract the R&R Budget (Fed/Non-Fed) Attachment

2. Save the subawardee budget file(s) with the name of the subawardee organization. Each file name attached to the R&R Subaward Budget Attachment Form must be unique. When assigning a name to the file, please remember to give it the extension “.pdf” (for example, “My\_Senior\_Key1.pdf”). If you do not name your file with the “.pdf” extension you will be unable to open it later using your Adobe Reader software.
3. Open the new form that you have just saved in Adobe Reader.
4. Enter your Subawardee Organization information in this supplemental form. Complete the subawardee budget(s) in accordance with the R&R budget instructions.
5. When you have completed entering information in the supplemental form, save it and close it.
6. Return to the “R&R Subaward Budget Attachment(s)” Form.
7. Attach the saved supplemental form, which you just filled in, to one of the blocks provided on this “attachments” form.



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8. Extract and attach additional R&R Budget Forms for the Subaward Organizations as necessary using the process outlined above. Please remember that the files you attach must be previously extracted R&R Budget forms. Attaching any other type of file may result in the inability to submit your application to Grants.gov.



Each Subaward Organization included on the R&R Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form must currently be registered in NSF's FastLane System. If the Subaward Organization is not registered in FastLane, then the application will not be inserted into FastLane and therefore will not be reviewed. See also [GPG Chapter II.C.2.g\(vi\)\(e\)](#).



Each Subaward Organization included on the R&R Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form may only be associated with 15 budget periods. If the Subaward Organization is associated with 15 or more budget periods, then the application will not be inserted into FastLane and a confirmation email will not be sent.



## VI. NSF-Specific Forms and Instructions

The NSF applicant is required to complete and submit the following form in conjunction with the SF 424 (R&R) forms included in this application package:

- NSF Cover Page.

The following NSF-specific forms are optional and only should be submitted when appropriate:

- NSF Deviation Authorization;
- NSF Suggested Reviewers; and
- NSF FastLane System Registration.

Instructions for completing each of these forms follow.

### 1. NSF COVER PAGE

#### National Science Foundation Grant Application Cover Page

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Please complete the following NSF forms in conjunction with the relevant Research and Related forms. If you are an organization or individual and you are not registered with NSF FastLane, please complete the Organization and Individual Registration Form in this package.

<b>1. Funding Opportunity Number</b>	
Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text"/>	Opportunity closing date: <input type="text"/>
<b>2. NSF Unit Consideration</b>	
Go to <a href="https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/pgmannounce.jsp">https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/pgmannounce.jsp</a> and follow the instructions to find the Division and Program information for this funding opportunity.	
Division Code: <input type="text"/>	Division Name: <input type="text"/>
Program Code: <input type="text"/>	Program Name: <input type="text"/>
<b>3. Principal Investigator (PI) Information</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you are currently serving (or have previously served) as a PI, co-PI or Program Director (PD) on any Federally funded project.	
<b>4. Other Information</b>	
Check Appropriate Box (es) if this proposal includes any of the items listed below.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Investigator (Grant Proposal Guide (GPG), Chapter I.G.2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (GPG, Chapter II.C.1.e)
<input type="checkbox"/> Accomplishment-Based Renewal (GPG, Chapter V.B)	
Attach PDF files only for any attachments below	
<b>5. Additional Single-Copy Documents</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	
<b>6. Data Management Plan</b> <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
<b>7. Mentoring Plan</b>	Postdoctoral Researcher Mentoring Plan, required for proposals that request funding to support postdoctoral researchers (GPG, Chapter II.C.2.j)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
<b>8. Funding Mechanism (select one)</b> <input type="text"/>	



### 1.1 Verify Funding Opportunity Number (Field 1 on the Form)

\* **Funding Opportunity Number** – This information is pre-populated by Grants.gov.

**Opportunity Closing Date** – This information is pre-populated by Grants.gov.

### 1.2 Enter NSF Unit Consideration (Field 2 on the Form)

Indicate which NSF Unit should consider the application. To do that click on the URL in Block 2 and a browser window will open showing an NSF web page, <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/pgmannounce.jsp>. Follow the instructions on this web page to search by Funding Opportunity to identify the appropriate Division and Program for the programs accepting applications through Grants.gov. Copy the Division code and Program code into the form.

\* **Division Code** – Enter the NSF division code for this funding opportunity. This is required information.

\* **Program Code** – Enter the NSF program code for this funding opportunity. This is required information.

**Division Name** – Enter the NSF division name for this funding opportunity.

**Program Name** – Enter the NSF program name for this funding opportunity.

### 1.3 Enter Principal Investigator (PI) Information (Field 3 on the Form)

Check the box if currently serving (or have previously served) as PI, Co-PI or Program Director (PD) on any federally funded project.

### 1.4 Enter Other Information (Field 4 on the Form)

Check the appropriate box(es) if this application includes any of the items listed below:

**Beginning Investigator (GPG Chapter I.G.2)** – Check box if Beginning Investigator. **Note that this box applies only to PIs who are submitting applications to the Directorate for Biological Sciences.** See Chapter III, Section 4.1 of this Guide for further information.

**Accomplishment-Based Renewal (GPG Chapter V.B.)** – Check box if this is an Accomplishment-Based Renewal. For more information on Accomplishment-Based Renewals, see [GPG Chapter V.B.](#) If an accomplishment-based-renewal is being submitted, applicants are reminded to enter the assigned award number of the previously funded application in the Federal field (Field 4 on the SF 424 (R&R) Cover Sheet).

**Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (GPG Chapter II.C.1.e)** – Check box for Disclosure of Lobbying Activities. This certification is required for an award of a Federal contract, grant or cooperative agreement exceeding \$100,000 and for an award of a Federal loan or a commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan exceeding \$150,000.

### 1.5 Attach Additional Single-Copy Documents (Field 5 on the Form)

Attach PDF files for Additional Single-Copy Documents.

### 1.6 Data Management Plan (Field 6 on the Form)

Each application must include a supplementary document of no more than two pages. This supplementary document should describe how the proposal will conform to NSF policy on the dissemination and sharing of research results (see [AAG Chapter VI.D.4](#)), and may include:

1. the types of data, samples, physical collections, software, curriculum materials, and other materials to be produced in the course of the project;
2. the standards to be used for data and metadata format and content (where existing standards are absent or deemed inadequate, this should be documented along with any proposed solutions or remedies);



3. policies for access and sharing including provisions for appropriate protection of privacy, confidentiality, security, intellectual property, or other rights or requirements;
4. policies and provisions for re-use, re-distribution, and the production of derivatives; and
5. plans for archiving data, samples, and other research products, and for preservation of access to them.

Data management requirements and plans specific to the Directorate, Office, Division, Program, or other NSF unit, relevant to a proposal are available at: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/dmp.jsp>. If guidance specific to the program is not available, then the requirements established in this section apply.

Applications that include subawards are a single unified project and should include only one supplemental combined Data Management Plan, regardless of the number subawards included. A valid Data Management Plan may include only the statement that no detailed plan is needed, as long as the statement is accompanied by a clear justification. Applicants who feel that the plan cannot fit within the limit of two pages may use part of the 15-page Project Description for additional data management information. Applicants are advised that the Data Management Plan must not be used to circumvent the 15-page Project Description limitation. The Data Management Plan will be reviewed as an integral part of the proposal, considered under Intellectual Merit or Broader Impacts or both, as appropriate for the scientific community of relevance.

***Applications that do not contain the requisite data management plan will be rejected or returned without review. (See [GPG Chapter IV.B.](#))***

### **1.7 Mentoring Plan (Field 7 on the Form)**

Each application that requests funding to support postdoctoral researchers must include, as a supplementary document, a description of the mentoring activities that will be provided for such individuals. In no more than one page, the mentoring plan must describe the mentoring that will be provided to all postdoctoral researchers supported by the project, irrespective of whether they reside at the submitting organization, or any subrecipient organization. For purposes of meeting the mentoring requirement, collaborative applications that include subawards constitute a single unified project. Therefore, only one mentoring plan may be submitted for the entire project. The attachment must contain the words “Mentoring Plan” in the file name. Applicants are advised that the mentoring plan must not be used to circumvent the 15- page Project Description limitation. See [GPG Chapter II.D.5](#) for additional information on collaborative applications.

Examples of mentoring activities include, but are not limited to: career counseling; training in preparation of grant applications, publications and presentations; guidance on ways to improve teaching and mentoring skills; guidance on how to effectively collaborate with researchers from diverse backgrounds and disciplinary areas; and training in responsible professional practices. The proposed mentoring activities will be evaluated as part of the merit review process under the Foundation’s Broader Impacts merit review criterion.

In situations where a postdoctoral researcher is listed in Section A of the R&R Budget, and is functioning in a Senior Personnel capacity (i.e., responsible for the scientific or technical direction of the project), a mentoring plan is not required.

***Applications that do not contain the requisite postdoctoral mentoring plan (where applicable) will be rejected or returned without review. (See [GPG Chapter IV.B.](#))***

### **1.8 Funding Mechanism (select one) (Field 8 on the Form)**

Choose one of the following as the funding mechanism

***Grants for Rapid Response Research (RAPID)*** (see [GPG Chapter II.D.1](#)) – if this application includes a request for Grants for Rapid Response Research.



**Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER)** (see [GPG Chapter II.D.2](#)) – if this application includes a request for Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research.

**Research – Other than RAPID or EAGER** (see [GPG Chapter II](#))

**Ideas Lab** (see [GPG Chapter II.D.3](#))

**Equipment** (see [GPG Chapter II.D.6](#))

**Conference** (see [GPG Chapter II.D.9](#))

**International Travel** (see [GPG Chapter II.D.10](#))

**Fellowship** (see relevant funding opportunity)

**Facility/Center** (see relevant funding opportunity)

## 2. NSF DEVIATION AUTHORIZATION

A screenshot of a web form titled "Deviation Authorization (If Applicable)". At the top, there are three buttons: "Close Form", "Print Page", and "About". Below the title is a text input field with the placeholder text "Enter text for the Deviation Authorization information in the box below (if applicable):". A blue arrow points from the left side of the page to the text input field.

### 2.1 Enter Deviation Authorization (If Applicable)

It is important that all applications conform to the instructions provided in this Guide, and where applicable, the GPG. Conformance is required and will be strictly enforced unless a deviation has been approved. NSF will not accept or will return without review applications that are not consistent with these instructions. See [GPG Chapter IV.B](#) for additional information. NSF authorization to deviate from these instructions must be received prior to proposal submission. Deviations may be authorized in one of two ways:

1. Through specification of different requirements in an NSF solicitation; or
2. By the written approval of the cognizant NSF Assistant Director/Office Head or designee. These deviations may be in the form of a “blanket deviation” for a particular program or programs or, in rare instances, an “individual” deviation for a particular application.

Applicants may deviate from these instructions only to the extent authorized. Applications must identify the deviation in one of the following ways as appropriate - (a) by identifying the solicitation number that authorized the deviation in the appropriate block on the application Cover Sheet; or (b) for individual deviations, by identifying the name, date and title of the NSF official authorizing the deviation. Further instructions are available on the FastLane Website (<https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/fastlane.jsp>).

Requests for approval of a deviation from NSF's electronic submission requirement must be forwarded to the cognizant NSF program for review and approval prior to submission of the paper application.



### 3. NSF SUGGESTED REVIEWERS OR REVIEWERS NOT TO INCLUDE

Applicants may include a list of suggested reviewers who they believe are especially qualified to review the application. Applicants also may designate persons they would prefer not review the application, indicating why. These suggestions are optional. [Grant Proposal Guide Chapter II, Exhibit II-2, Potentially Disqualifying Conflicts of Interest](#), contains information on conflicts of interest that may be useful in preparation of this list.

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**List of Suggested Reviewers or Reviewers Not to Include (optional)**

Applicants may include a list of suggested reviewers who they believe are especially well qualified to review the proposal. Applicants also may designate persons they would prefer not review the proposal, indicating why. These suggestions are optional. Grant Proposal Guide Appendix B, Potentially Disqualifying Conflicts of Interest ([http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=gpgg](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=gpgg)), contains information on conflicts of interest that may be useful in preparation of this list.

**Suggested Reviewers:** Provide the First, Middle, and Last Name of suggested reviewers that you believe are especially well qualified to review this proposal.

Enter text in the box below

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#### 3.1 Enter Suggested Reviewers

Suggested Reviewers - Provide the First, Middle, and Last Name of suggested reviewers that the applicant believes are especially well qualified to review this application.

**List of Suggested Reviewers or Reviewers Not to Include (optional)**

**Reviewers Not to Include:** Designate persons you would prefer not review this proposal and indicate why.

Enter text in the box below

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#### 3.2 Enter Reviewers Not to Include

Designate persons the applicant would prefer not review this application and indicate why.

The cognizant Program Officer handling the application considers the suggestions and may contact the Applicant for further information. The decision, however, whether or not to use the suggestions remains with the Program Officer.



## 4. NSF FASTLANE SYSTEM REGISTRATION

OMB Number 3145-0058

### NSF Organization and Individual Registration For NSF's FastLane System

The following information should only be completed if your organization is not currently registered in NSF's FastLane System. To check if your organization is registered, please visit <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/1N1AddInst.html>.

If you want to register and submit as an Individual (Organization) please check the checkbox on the front of the Grant Application Package before the Application Filing Name and then complete section 3 of this form. The Grant Application Package is the page where all the mandatory and optional documents are listed.

**1. Organization Information**

\*Organization Name:  \* Organization Short Name:

\* Organization Type:

\*EINTIN:  \*DUNS Number:

\*Street 1:  Street 2:

\*City:  County:

\*State:  Province:

\*Country:  \*Zip / Postal Code:

USA: UNITED STATES

\*Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

\*E-mail Address:

President's Name:

Prefix:  First Name:  Middle Name:

Last Name:  Suffix:

**2. FastLane Contact**

Prefix:  \*First Name:  Middle Name:

\*Last Name:  Suffix:

NSF ID:  (NSF ID is a unique, system generated identifier used to access NSF's FastLane system. It is assigned to FastLane users by NSF in place of a Social Security Number)

\*Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

\*E-mail Address:

### 4.1 Enter Organization Information

The following information should only be completed if the applicant's organization is not currently registered in NSF's FastLane System. To check if an organization is already registered, please visit <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/b6/B6Institutions.htm>. If the applicant is not employed by, or affiliated with, an organization, please complete the Individual Information in section 3 of this form.

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Field Name	Input
*Organization Name	Pre-populated from the R&R form. Enter the full name of the applicant's organization for NSF records (up to 64 characters, including spaces). This is required information.
*Organization Short Name	Enter the short name of your organization in 26 characters or less for identification purposes. If your full name can fit within 26 characters, you should use the same name here. You should not truncate your full name at 26 characters. The Short Name should be a unique identifier. This field is required.
*Organization Type	Choose your type of organization from the drop-down list. This field is required.
*EIN/TIN	Pre-populated from the R&R form. (9 digits, no hyphens). An EIN (Employer Identification Number) or TIN (Taxpayer Identification Number) is a nine-digit number that the IRS assigns in the following format: -00-0000000. The IRS uses this number to identify taxpayers that are required to file various tax returns. Employers, sole proprietors, universities, corporations, partnerships, nonprofit associations, trusts, and estates of decedents, government agencies, certain individuals, and other business entities use EIN/TIN. If the applicant's organization is not in the U.S., type 44-4444444. This is required information.
*DUNS Number	Pre-populated from the R&R form (9 digits, no hyphens). This is a unique 9-digit identifier provided by Dun & Bradstreet. It is an organizational identifier used by the federal government. If the organization does not have a DUNS number, it must contact Dun and Bradstreet at (800) 333-0505 to obtain one. A DUNS number will be provided to them immediately by telephone at no charge. This is required information.
*Street 1	Pre-populated by RR. The physical address of the organization. Up to two lines may be used for the street address. The second line is not required.
Street 2	Pre-populated by RR. The physical address of the organization. You may use up to two lines for the street address. The second line is not required.
*City	Pre-populated by RR. The name of the city/place where the organization operates.
County/Parish	Pre-populated by RR. The name of the county/parish where the organization operates.
*State	Pre-populated by RR. The name of the State where the organization is registered. Choose the state name from the drop-down list. (If a foreign address, skip). This field is required if the Organization is located in the United States.
Province	Pre-populated by RR. Enter the Province.
*Zip Code	Pre-populated by RR. The complete nine digits of the zip code (no dashes & if foreign address, skip). This field is required if the Organization is located in the United States.
*Country	Pre-populated by RR. The country of the organization. (Foreign address, choose Country)
*Telephone Number	Enter the telephone number of the organization for NSF to use to contact your business (enter area code and number, for U.S. phones, using only ten digits, no hyphens). Extensions, dashes or alphabetical characters cannot be accommodated in the phone number. This field is required.
Fax Number	(10 digits, no hyphens, no country code) Enter the fax number of the organization.
*Email Address	Enter an E-mail address for the organization where NSF can contact your business electronically (must be of the format username@something.com or similar). This field is required.

**4.2 Enter President's Name**

Field Name	Input
Prefix	Enter the prefix of the president of the organization.
First Name	Enter the first name of the president of the organization.
Middle Name	Enter the middle name of the president of the organization.
Last Name	Enter the last name of the president of the organization.
Suffix	Pre-populated by RR. The suffix of the president of the organization.



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**4.3 Enter FastLane Contact**

Field Name	Input
Prefix	Pre-populated by RR. The prefix of the FastLane Contact. This person will be the point of contact for FastLane in the organization and responsible for performing administrative management functions within FastLane (e.g., giving out passwords, submitting applications). This may be the same person as an Authorized Representative. Do not enter non-alphabetic characters (e.g., periods or hyphens) or spaces.
*First Name	Pre-populated by RR. The first name of the FastLane Contact. This field is required.
Middle Name	Pre-populated by RR. The middle name of the FastLane Contact.
*Last Name	Pre-populated by RR. The last name of the FastLane Contact.
Suffix	Pre-populated by RR. The suffix of the FastLane Contact.
NSF ID	Enter the NSF ID for the FastLane Contact (9 characters). NSF ID is a unique, system generated identifier used to access NSF's FastLane system. It is assigned to FastLane users by NSF in place of a Social Security Number.
*Telephone Number	Pre-populated by RR. (10 digits, no hyphens, no country code) The FastLane Contact's phone number. This field is required.
Fax Number	Pre-populated by RR. (10 digits, no hyphens, no country code) The FastLane Contact's fax number.
*Email Address	Enter the e-mail address for the FastLane Contact. This field is required.

**4.4 Enter Individual Information**

Only complete this information if the applicant is not employed by, or affiliated with, an organization. Do not use this section to register a new organization.

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Field Name	Input
Prefix	Enter the prefix of the individual who will be the point of contact for FastLane and responsible for performing organizational management functions within FastLane. This may be the same person as an Authorized Representative. Do not enter non-alphabetic characters (e.g., periods or hyphens) or spaces.
*First Name	Enter the first name of the individual who will be the point of contact for FastLane and responsible for performing organizational management functions within FastLane. This field is required.
Middle Name	Enter the middle initial of the individual.
*Last Name	Enter the last name of the individual. This field is required.
Suffix	Enter the name suffix of the individual.
*Tax ID	Enter the Tax ID Number (9 digits, no hyphens). This is a nine-digit number that the IRS assigns. The IRS uses this number to identify taxpayers that are required to file various tax returns. This field is required.
NSF ID	Enter your NSF ID (9 characters). NSF ID is a unique, system generated identifier used to access NSF's FastLane system. It is assigned to FastLane users by NSF in place of a Social Security Number.
*Street 1	Enter your physical address. You may use up to two lines for the street address. The second line is not required. This field is required.
Street 2	Enter your physical address. You may use up to two lines for the street address. The second line is not required.
*City	Enter the name of the city. This field is required.
County/Parish	Enter the name of the county/parish.
*State	Choose the name of the state where you are registered from the drop-down list (If foreign address, skip). This field is required if the individual is located in the United States.
Province	Enter the province.
*Zip Code	Enter the complete nine digits of your zip code (no dashes). (If foreign address, skip). This field is required if the individual is located in the United States.
*Country	Choose the country from the drop-down list (Foreign address, choose Country)
*Telephone Number	Enter the telephone number of the individual (enter area code and number, for U.S. phones, using only ten digits). Extensions, dashes or alphabetical characters cannot be accommodated in the phone number. This field is required.
Fax Number	Enter the fax number of the individual.
*Email Address	Enter the E-mail of the individual (must be of the format username@something.com or similar). This field is required.
Department	Enter the Department of the individual.
*Degree Type	From the drop-down list, choose the name of the highest degree the individual has earned. This field is required.
*Degree Year	Enter the 4 digit year in which this degree was earned. This field is required.

## 5. DIRECTORATE SPECIFIC FORMS

### 5.1 Biological Sciences (BIO) Classification Form

For applications submitted to the Directorate for Biological Sciences, a Biological Sciences Classification form is required to be submitted. The applicant should use the Proposal File Update module in FastLane to enter this information. The applicant will not be able to check the status of an application until this information is provided.

### 5.2 Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE) Project Data Form

For applications submitted to the Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE) a Project Data form is required to be submitted. The applicant should use the Proposal File Update module in FastLane to enter this information. The applicant will not be able to check the status of an application until this information is provided.



## VII. NSF Application Checklist

It is imperative that all applications conform to the application preparation and submission instructions identified in the SF 424 (R&R), the *NSF Grants.gov Application Guide*, and where specified, the *NSF Grant Proposal Guide (GPG)* [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=gpq](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=gpq).

Applications also must comply with NSF font, spacing and margin requirements. The guidelines established in the [GPG Chapter II.B](#), establish minimum requirements, however, readability is of utmost importance and should take precedence in selection of an appropriate font. Conformance with all preparation and submission instructions is required and will be strictly enforced unless a deviation has been approved in advance of application submission. NSF may return without review applications that are not consistent with these instructions. See [GPG Chapter IV.B](#), Return Without Review for additional information.

Prior to electronic submission via Grants.gov, it is **strongly recommended** that an administrative review be conducted to ensure that an application complies with all application preparation instructions, in the format specified. This checklist is not intended to be an all-inclusive repetition of the required application contents and associated application preparation guidelines. It is, however, meant to highlight certain critical items so they will not be overlooked when the application is prepared.

### General:

- Application is responsive to and compliant with the provisions in the program description, announcement, or solicitation.
- All required preparation and submission instructions specified in the GPG have been followed.
- System for Award Management (SAM) registration is current. Note that this registration must be maintained with current information at all times during which the organization has an active award or an application under consideration by NSF.
- The application will be submitted to NSF electronically via use of either the NSF FastLane System or Grants.gov, unless a deviation has been granted by NSF.
- If the application has been previously declined and is being resubmitted, the application has been revised to take into account the major comments from the prior NSF review.
- The proposed work is appropriate for funding by NSF, and is not a duplicate of or substantially similar to, a proposal already under consideration by NSF from the same submitter.
- The application contains all required sections for the type of proposal being submitted.
- The application will be submitted by 5 p.m. submitter's local time on the established deadline date.

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- Renewal Applications: For renewal applications, the previous award number is entered in the Federal Identifier field. (Block 4)
- Full Application Related to Submission of a Preliminary Application. If a new full application is being submitted that is related to a previously submitted preliminary application, the assigned preliminary application number is entered in the Federal Identifier field. (Block 4a.)
- Type of Application. For purposes of NSF, the box for "Continuation" will not be utilized and should not be checked. (Block 8)



- [ ] Application Certifications: The requisite application certifications are submitted by the Authorized Representative upon checking the "I agree" box (Block 17) and submitting the application. See [GPG Chapter II.C.1.e](#), Proposal Certifications for a complete listing of the requisite certifications.
- [ ] SF LLL or other Explanatory Documentation. A scanned copy of the SF LLL (if applicable) is attached in Block 18. See [GPG Chapter II.C.1.e](#), Proposal Certifications

**[ ] Project/Performance Site Location(s)**

- [ ] The primary site where the work will be performed is indicated. If a portion of the project will be performed at any other site(s), the site location(s) is identified.

**[ ] R&R Other Project Information**

- [ ] Complete Questions 1 through 6.
- [ ] Project Summary/Abstract. Note limitation of one page. Ensure that the overview, intellectual merit and broader impacts are separately addressed within the body of the Project Summary. Attach in Block 7 of the R&R Other Project Information Form. See [GPG Chapter II.C.2.b](#) and [Chapter IV.B](#).
- [ ] Project Narrative (referred to in the GPG as Project Description). Attach in Block 8 of the R&R Other Project Information Form.
  - [ ] Project Narrative does not exceed 15-pages. See [GPG Chapter II.C.2.d](#), Project Description, for more information.
  - [ ] Merit Review Criteria: Both merit review criteria have been addressed. See [GPG Chapter II.C.2.d\(i\)](#).
  - [ ] Project Narrative contains, as a separate section within the narrative, a section labeled "Broader Impacts of the Proposed Work". See [GPG Chapter II.C.2.d\(i\)](#).
  - [ ] Project Narrative is self-contained and Universal Resource Locators (URLs) have not been included. See [GPG Chapter II.C.2.d\(ii\)](#).
  - [ ] Results from Prior NSF Support have been provided for PIs and co-PIs who have received NSF support within the last five years, irrespective of whether the support was directly related to the application or not. Results related to Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts are described under two separate, distinct headings. See [GPG Chapter II.C.2.d\(iii\)](#).
  - [ ] Human-resource information: Required information for renewal applications from academic institutions only. See [GPG Chapter V.B.2](#).
- [ ] Bibliography and References Cited. This section includes bibliographic citations only and does not provide parenthetical information outside of the 15-page Project Narrative. Each reference is in the specified format. Attach in Block 9 of the R&R Other Project Information Form. See [GPG Chapter II.C.2.e](#).
- [ ] Facilities and Other Resources. An aggregated description of the internal and external resources (both physical and personnel) that the organization and its collaborators will provide to the project, should it be funded has been included. Attach in Block 10 of the R&R Other Project Information Form. No quantifiable financial information has been included. For research proposals, if there are no facilities or other resources identified, a statement to that effect has been included in this section of the proposal as identified in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.i](#).



- [ ] Equipment. An aggregated description of the equipment that the organization and its collaborators will provide to the project, should it be funded has been included. If there is no equipment identified, a statement to that effect has been included in this section of the proposal as identified in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.i](#). Attach in Block 11 of the R&R Other Project Information Form.
- [ ] Other Attachments. A description of the types of information appropriate for inclusion in this section is defined in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.j](#), Special Information and Supplementary Documentation. Attach in Block 12 of the R&R Other Project Information Form.
- [ ] Any additional items specified in a relevant NSF Program Solicitation or [GPG Chapter II.C.2.](#), as appropriate: Attach in Block 12 of the R&R Other Project Information Form.

**[ ] R&R Senior/Key Person Profile (EXPANDED)**

- [ ] A profile is required for each senior/key person proposed. See [GPG Chapter II. Exhibit II-7](#), for the categories of personnel considered senior project personnel by NSF.
- [ ] Biographical Sketch(es): A biographical sketch has been provided for all senior personnel and does not exceed two pages per person. The content described is in accordance with the instructions and does not contain additional information beyond that specified in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.f](#), Biographical Sketch(es).
- [ ] Current and Pending Support: Current and Pending Support is required for all senior project personnel and should be prepared in accordance with instructions identified in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.h](#).

**[ ] R&R Personal Data**

- [ ] Referred to in the GPG as Information About PIs/PDs and co-PIs/co-PDs. With the exception of the name(s) of the PD/PI and any co-PD/PIs, submission of the requested information is voluntary. See [GPG Chapter II.C.1.a](#), Information about Principal Investigators/Project Directors and co-Principal Investigators/co-Project Directors, for more information.

**[ ] R&R Funds Requested Budget**

- [ ] Note in particular, the instructions regarding budget preparation as outlined in [GPG Chapter II.C.2.g.](#), as well as those provided in the Grants.gov Application Guide.
- [ ] Budget Justification: Note 3-page limitation per application. Attach on Line K of the Research & Related Budget Form.
- [ ] Subaward Budget Justification: Note 3-page limitation per application. If the application includes subawards, each subaward must include a budget justification of no more than three pages. This is in addition to the three pages allowed for the application budget justification. Attach on the Research & Related Subaward Budget Attachment Form.

**NSF-Specific Forms**

**[ ] National Science Foundation Grant Application Cover Sheet**

- [ ] Funding Opportunity Number: Pre-populated by Grants.gov. Verify the information is correct.
- [ ] NSF Unit of Consideration: See <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/pgmannounce.jsp> and follow the instructions for finding the Division and Program Information for the funding opportunity shown in Block 2.



- [ ] Other Information: If the application includes any of the items listed, check the relevant box(es) in Block 4.
- [ ] Additional Single-Copy Documents. A description of the categories of information appropriate for inclusion in this section is defined in [GPG Chapter II.C.1](#), Single-Copy Documents.
  - [ ] Information about Principal Investigators/Project Directors (except for the required information regarding current or previous Federal research support and the name(s) of the PI/co-PI, submission of the information is voluntary).
  - [ ] Proprietary or Privileged Information Statement (if applicable).
  - [ ] Authorization to Deviate from NSF Proposal Preparation Requirements (if applicable). See [GPG Chapter II.C.1.b](#), Deviation Authorization for additional information.
  - [ ] List of Suggested Reviewers, or Reviewers Not to Include (optional). See [GPG Chapter II.C.1.c](#), List of Suggested Reviewers or Reviewers Not to Include for additional information. [GPG Exhibit II-2](#), Potentially Disqualifying Conflicts of Interest, contains information on conflicts of interest that may be useful in preparation of this list.
  - [ ] NSF FastLane System Registration. To be completed only if the applicant organization is not currently registered in NSF's FastLane system. See <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/b6/B6Institutions.htm>. Individuals not employed by, or affiliated with, an organization must complete the information in Section 3.
- [ ] Data Management Plan. The proposal includes a supplementary document of no more than two pages labeled "Data Management Plan". This supplementary document describes how the proposal will conform to NSF policy on the dissemination and sharing of research results. See [GPG Chapter IV.B](#).
- [ ] Mentoring Plan. For proposals that request funding to support **postdoctoral researchers**, a supplementary document, not to exceed one page, that describes the mentoring activities that will be provided for such individuals, has been included. See [GPG Chapter IV.B](#).
- [ ] Funding Mechanism. Type of proposal being developed (RAPID, EAGER, Research - other than RAPID or EAGER, Ideas Lab, Equipment, Conference, International Travel, Fellowship, and Facility/Center) has been selected.

## VIII. Administration of Awards



Guidance regarding the administration of NSF awards is contained in the NSF Award & Administration Guide and the relevant award conditions: [http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=aag](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=aag)