

NSF UPDATES

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WHAT'S NEW AS OF OCTOBER 5TH

- Beginning on October 5, 2020:
 - [Biographical Sketch](#)
 - [Current and Pending Support](#)
- Need to be in NSF approved formats
 - SciENCv
 - NSF Fillable PDF

More Information can be found here:

<https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/cps.jsp>

Additional Training Resources

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

SciENCv has created the following materials to guide NSF users through the preparation of the NSF documents available in SciENCv:

[NSF Biographical Sketch Video Tutorial](#)

[NSF Current and Pending Support Video Tutorial](#)

[NSF-specific Bookshelf Resource](#) (includes screenshots and step-by-step instructions)

AUTOMATED COMPLIANCE CHECKS FOR NSF-APPROVED FORMATS

- Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support documents not in an NSF-approved format will trigger a compliance error and ultimately will prevent proposal submission or completion of the post-award action. This compliance check applies to proposals, Change of PI requests, Add/Change co-PI requests, and relevant RPPR submissions.
- The complete lists of FastLane and Research.gov automated proposal compliance checks effective October 5, 2020, are available on the [Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals website](#).
- Note that automated compliance checks also apply when a proposal file update (PFU) is performed on a proposal. Proposers should be aware that if a proposal was previously submitted successfully, a PFU performed on the proposal will be prevented from submission if the proposal does not comply with the compliance checks in effect at the time.

RESEARCH.GOV SIGN-IN AND PASSWORD RECOVERY

- Effective 9/28, the Research.gov Sign-in page will include three sign-in options:
 - Primary email address + password (new option)
 - NSF ID + password (existing option)
 - Organization-issued Credentials (InCommon Federation participating organizations only) (existing option)
- Also effective 9/28, users will be able to enter either their primary email address or their NSF ID for NSF account password recovery

VIRTUAL NSF GRANTS CONFERENCE

- Conference to be held during the weeks of November 16th and November 30th .
- Sessions will be recorded and available on demand.
- Registration will be free of charge and will open on Thursday, October 29th .