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The Office of Award Management (OAM)

Helpful Tips for Successful NSF Post-Award Grant Management

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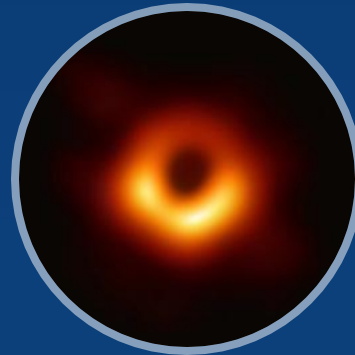
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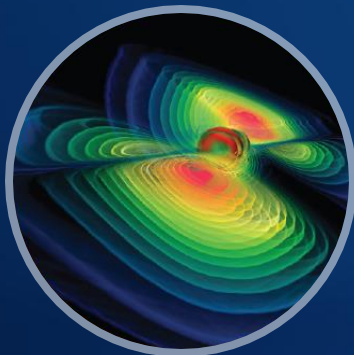
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**CLIMATE
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**LIGO
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**COMPUTER CHIP
FABRICATION**



**ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE
(AI)**



**EARLY WEB
SEARCH**



**MAGIC
SCHOOL BUS**



Mission History



OAM By the Numbers

In a Fiscal Year, NSF/OAM PROCESSES about:

- 17,000 funded actions including over 11,000 new projects
- Over 5,000 post award amendment
- Over 500 PI transfers
- OAM Grants Team manages almost 50,000 active awards, on average about 3,000 per Grants Officer



NSF Program Office Responsibilities

**Solicitation
Development**

**Proposal Reviews &
Recommendations**

**Programmatic
Management of
Projects**



NSF/OAM - Grants Office Responsibilities

**Reviews Recommended
Proposals**

**Issues Awards and
Amendments to
Grants & Agreements**

**Manages the
Administration of
Grants**



Grantee Responsibilities

**NSF's legal relationship
is with the grantee
institution**

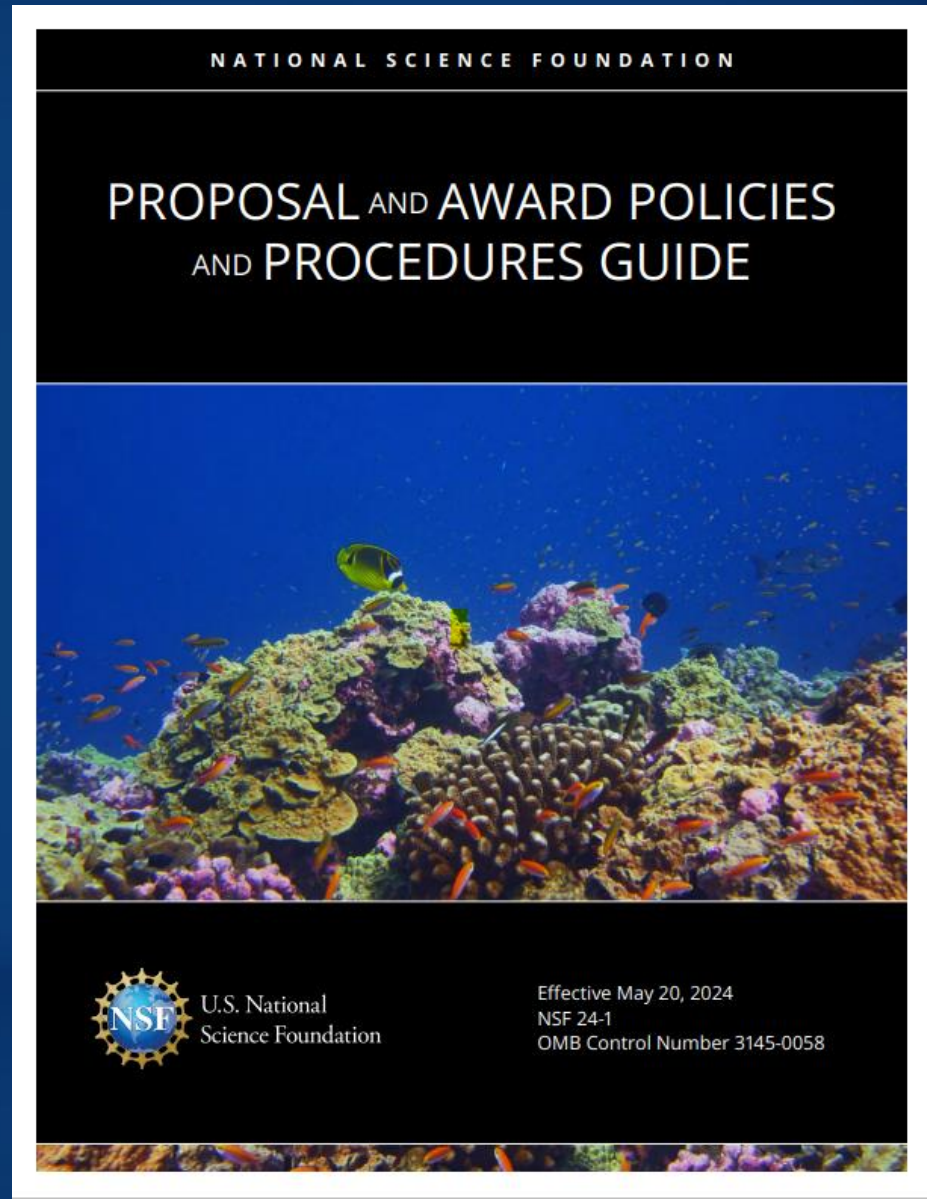
**Responsible for
adhering to the terms
and conditions of an
NSF award.**

**Manages the
Administration of
Grants**



Post Award Management

What you need to know



Prior Approvals

When NSF Prior Approval is required:

- No-Cost Extensions (second and third extensions)
- Significant Changes in Project Scope or Objectives
- Subawarding or Transferring part of an NSF award
- PI/Co-PI Changes
- Rebudgeting, *only when*
Participant Support Costs are affected
or the change may be considered a change in scope



PARTICIPANT SUPPORT COSTS



Unique Cost

PSC are a unique NSF cost category and are exempt from Indirect Cost Charges



Re-Budgeting

Re-Budgeting is restricted, prior approval by NSF is required.



Costs for Trainees Incentive Payments

Participant Support Costs must be for students or trainees and may not be used for employees of the institution, except in the case of school districts.



Incentive payments, souvenirs, t-shirts may be allowable in limited cases when directly related to project activities

Type	Notification or Request	Policy Reference	Location
Budget Activities			
Additional categories of participant support costs other than those described in 2 CFR § 200.75 (such as incentives, gifts, souvenirs, t-shirts and/or memorabilia)	Request	PAPPG (II.C.2.g(v))	Research.gov
Change in Person-Months Devoted to Project	Request	PAPPG (VII.B.2.b)	Research.gov
Pre-award Costs in Excess of 90 days	Request	PAPPG (X.A.2.b)	Research.gov
Reallocation of Funds Provided for Participant Support Costs	Request	PAPPG (II.C.2.g(v))	Research.gov
Rearrangement/Reconversion costs in excess of \$25,000	Request	PAPPG (X.C.1)	Research.gov
Salaries of Administrative or Clerical Staff	Request	PAPPG (II.C.2.g(i)(b))	Research.gov
Travel Costs for Dependents	Request	PAPPG (II.C.2.g(iv)(a))	Research.gov

Long-Term Disengagement of the PI/Project Director (PD) or co-PI/co-PD	Request	PAPPG (VII.B.2.a)	Research.gov
PI/PD or co-PI/co-PD Transfer from one organization to another	Request	PAPPG (VII.B.2.f)	FastLane
Substitute (Change) PI/PD or co-PI/co-PD	Request	PAPPG (VII.B.2.e)	FastLane
Withdrawal of PI/PD or co-PI/co-PD	Request	PAPPG (VII.B.2.d)	Research.gov
Other			
Annual and Final Cost Share Notification by Recipient	Notification	PAPPG (VII.D.5)	FastLane
Conflicts of Interest that cannot be satisfactorily managed, reduced or eliminated and research that proceeds without the imposition of conditions or restrictions when a conflict of interest exists	Notification	PAPPG (IX.A)	Research.gov
Subawarding, Transferring or Contracting Out Part of an NSF Award	Request	PAPPG (II.C.2.g(vi)(e)) PAPPG (VII.B.3)	FastLane

No-Cost Extension			
Grantee-Approved No-Cost Extension	Notification	PAPPG (VI.D.3.c(i))	Research.go
First NSF-Approved No-Cost Extension	Request	PAPPG (VI.D.3.c(ii)(a))	Research.go
Second NSF-Approved No-Cost Extension	Request	PAPPG (VI.D.3.c(ii)(b))	Research.go
Changes in Objectives, Scope, or Methodology or other Significant Changes			
Changes in Objectives or Scope	Request	PAPPG (VII.B.1.a)	Research.go
Significant Changes/Delays or Events of Unusual Interest	Notification	PAPPG (VII.B.1.c)	Research.go
Significant Changes in Methods/Procedures	Notification	PAPPG (VII.B.1.b)	Research.go

Annual Progress Reports

Due 90 days prior to the end of the current budget period.

Failure to submit annual progress reports timely will block pending administrative requests or new proposal approvals.



Project Outcomes Reports

Due 120 days after the end of the grant period.

Submitting the POR confirms that the project's scope of work is complete and that no further research activities – such as no-cost extensions, supplemental funding or grant transfers – are expected.



Resources

- **NSF's Grant Management and Policy Manual**

[NSF PAPPG - May 20, 2024](#)

- **Post Awards Requests**

Notifications and requests communicate changes in the scope, time, staff or budget of an NSF funded project. Depending on the type of change, recipient organizations must notify or request approval from NSF prior to taking action. Depending on the type of notifications or requests, they can be created and submitted by either the Principal Investigators (PIs) and/or Sponsored Project Offices (SPOs).

Research.gov - About Notifications and Requests

- Division of Financial Management(DFM), Payments and Analytics Branch FAQs link (ACM\$ Drawdowns handled through DFM). This is the link to the division managing the drawdown of funds.

https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dfm/docs/DFM_PABGrantFAQ.pdf

- ACM\$ Funding Drawdown NSF Grant Accountant List (By State)

DFM - Payments and Analytics Branch (PAB) | NSF - National Science Foundation

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