



REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) AGENCY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO THE RESEARCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 5, 2020

Effective October 5, 2020 grants made to institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations will incorporate by reference the *Research Terms & Conditions* dated March 14, 2017 and the *NSF Agency Specific Requirements* dated October 5, 2020. The *Research Terms & Conditions* will not be applied to NSF cooperative agreements or to NSF fellowship awards made to individuals.

Unless otherwise noted in a specific article, the *NSF Agency Specific Requirements* apply to all new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants awarded on or after October 5, 2020 to institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations.

A summary of the changes is included below. Any questions regarding these changes may be directed to the Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support, at policy@nsf.gov.

Significant Change

- **Post-award Disclosure of Current Support and In-Kind Contribution Information, Article 38.** This entirely new article establishes a post-award disclosure requirement of undisclosed current support and in-kind contribution information. If an organization discovers that a PI or co-PI on an active NSF award failed to disclose current support or in-kind contribution information as part of the proposal submission process, the AOR must submit the information outlined in the article within 30 calendar days of the identification of the undisclosed current support or in-kind contribution.

Clarifications and Other Changes

- **Overall Document.** Throughout the document, websites and references have been updated for consistency with the *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide* and to reflect current information.
- **Indirect Costs, Article 11.** This article has been updated to communicate NSF expectations around application of indirect cost rates at the time of award and the ability for entities that are not institutions of higher education to use new Federal rates approved during the award period.

- **Grantee Responsibilities and Federal Requirements, Article 12.** Language has been added to the article reminding grantees of their responsibilities regarding retention of subrecipient documentation.
- **Equipment, Article 25.** This article has been revised to apply to all NSF grantees and connects the title to the property in trust requirement, consistent with 2 CFR § 200.316.
- **Notification Requirements Regarding Sexual Harassment, Other Forms of Harassment, or Sexual Assault, Article 37.** Grantees are reminded of the requirement to obtain NSF prior approval if an investigator will be disengaged from a project for more than three months.