



## REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) GRANT GENERAL CONDITIONS (GC-1)

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Effective March 1, 2018, new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants made to for-profit organizations (other than Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer grantees) and State and local governments, will begin referencing and are subject to the [Grant General Conditions](#) (GC-1) dated 03/1/18. Now that the NSF *Agency Specific Requirements* to the *Research Terms and Conditions* have been revised, the GC-1 no longer applies to grants made to institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations. The GC-1 also will not be applied to NSF cooperative agreements or to NSF fellowship awards made to individuals.

Unless otherwise noted in a specific article, the *Grant General Conditions* apply to all new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants awarded on or after March 1, 2018 to for-profit organizations (other than Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer grantees) and State and local governments.

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 (703) 292-8243 or by e-mail to [policy@nsf.gov](mailto:policy@nsf.gov).

### **Significant Changes**

- **Prior Approval Requirements, Article 2**, has been supplemented to include the addition of a new NSF Prior Approval Matrix applicable to State and local governments and for-profit organizations. Also, the Article has been updated to reflect that Research.gov has been modified to include an “Other” category, which must be used to submit prior approval requirements that do not already have a specific request type in NSF’s electronic systems.
- **Breach of Personally Identifiable Information, Article 45**, is a new article that requires grantees to have procedures in place to respond to a breach of personally identifiable information (PII) and notify NSF that a breach of PII within the scope of an NSF award has occurred.

### **Clarifications and Other Changes**

- **Overall Document**, has been revised to update all *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) references and conform with PAPPG terminology. It also has been modified to incorporate editorial changes to either clarify or enhance the intended meaning of a sentence or section or ensure consistency with other NSF policy documents.