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### **Pre-Award Costs**

Once an award is made, the start date cannot be changed; however, IHEs have the authority to incur pre-award costs as outlined in Chapter X of the [PAPPG](#).

### **ACM\$**

NSF uses the Award Cash Management Service (ACM\$) to award payments and post-award financial processes. Additional information on ACM\$ is available in the [PAPPG](#).

### **Fellowship Year**

Upon accepting the Fellowship, the Fellow selects summer/June 1 or fall/September 1 to coincide with the approximate graduate program start date (e.g., fall for Fellows starting graduate school in August/September/October). The Fellowship start date does not necessarily coincide with the formal summer or fall academic session of the IHE, and Tenure Status is not defined by the date on which a stipend payment is issued. See also section 3.4.

### **No-Cost Extension**

An NCE extends the award end date without additional funding. Additional information on NCEs is available in Chapter VI of the [PAPPG](#).

## **4.4 Monitoring**

Part II of the [PAPPG](#) sets forth NSF guidance regarding the monitoring of grants and cooperative agreements. The IHE has responsibility for the activities supported under the award and should monitor performance accordingly. NSF relies on the IHE's completion of the AOR Certification Form and submission of the Grants Roster Report.

NSF GRFP Office will work with IHEs to confirm Fellows On Deferral. Once IHEs complete and submit their Program Expense Reports each fall, NSF GRFP Office staff will review the Grants Roster Reports to identify Fellows listed On Deferral, particularly those who have been On Deferral for more than one year. The Program may contact the IHE's CO to confirm its list of Fellows On Deferral.

## **4.5 Suspension and Termination**

An IHE's award may be suspended or terminated by NSF for failure to comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Fellowship award. Refer to Chapter XII of the [PAPPG](#) for suspension and termination procedures.

## **4.6 Evaluation Participation**

Refer to [Section 3.13](#) of this Guide for information on evaluation of the impact of the Program.