



**REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)  
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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Effective January 25, 2016, new international research awards and funding amendments to existing NSF international research awards will begin referencing, and are subject to, the *International Research Terms and Conditions* (IRTC) dated 01/25/16.

Unless otherwise noted in a specific article, the International Research Terms and Conditions apply to all new international research awards and funding amendments to existing NSF international research awards awarded on or after January 25, 2016.

A comprehensive 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 to the NSF International Research Terms and Conditions,  
dated 01/16**

- **Project Reporting Requirements, Article 14, and Cost Sharing and Cost Sharing Records, Article 25**, have been revised to reflect that for all new NSF awards and funding amendments to existing NSF awards made on or after January 25, 2016, final project reports, project outcomes reports for the general public and final cost sharing reports should be submitted no later than 120 days following the end date of the award.
- **Public Access to Copyrighted Material, Article 21**, is an entirely new Article which implements the NSF Public Access Policy.
- **Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC), Article 31**, is an entirely new Article that implements the *US Government Policy for Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern*.

**Clarifications and Other Changes to the NSF International Research Terms and Conditions, dated 01/16**

- **Overall document** has been modified to incorporate minor editorial changes to either clarify or enhance the intended meaning of a sentence or section or ensure consistency with other NSF policy documents. Internal and external references also have been updated.
- **Payments, Article 12**, has been updated with guidance that implements the applicable portions of 2 CFR § 200.305 on interest income.
- **Project Reporting Requirements, Article 14**, has updated terminology which states that, in the case of annual project reports, the reports should be submitted no later than 90 days prior to the end of the current budget period.
- **Suspension or Termination, Article 28**, has been supplemented with language regarding NSF implementation of the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System.