



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

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Effective February 1, 2012, awards made to international organizations are subject to the *International Terms and Conditions* (IRTC) dated 2/12. Unless otherwise noted in a specific article, the IRTC applies to all new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants awarded to international organizations on or after February 1, 2012.

The changes to Article 9 (Travel) and Article 15 (Expenditure Reports) identified below also will be incorporated in the next issuance of the *NSF Award & Administration Guide*.

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

### **Significant Changes to the International Terms and Conditions dated 2/12**

◆ **Travel, Article 9**, has been updated to incorporate revised circumstances under which use of a foreign-flag air carrier is permissible. The Article provides information on recent modifications to the “Open Skies” Agreement with the European Union, and includes a link to the General Services Administration website for additional information.

◆ **Project Reporting Requirements, Article 14**, has been updated to incorporate a new section which describes the project outcomes report that PIs will need to produce and submit to NSF within 90 days following expiration of the grant.

Language also has been added to clarify when annual and final project reports are considered due and when they become overdue.

◆ **Responsible Conduct of Research, Article 16**, is a new Article that provides NSF’s implementation of Section 7009 of the America COMPETES Act regarding training in the responsible conduct of research (RCR).

### **Clarifications and Other Changes to the International Terms and Conditions dated 2/12**

◆ **Significant Project Changes, Article 8**, includes language clarifying that the awardee is responsible for maintaining, and providing to NSF upon request, documentation on all subawards. Language also has been added to clarify that the awardee must include subaward activities in the project reports.

- ◆ **Expenditure Reports, Article 15**, has been modified to reflect that all Federal Financial Reports must now be submitted through Research.gov.
- ◆ **Cost-Sharing and Cost-Sharing Records, Article 22**, includes language clarifying when cost sharing notifications must be submitted.