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Dear NSF Proposal Preparers:

NSF has just announced that Research.gov, NSF's new system to eventually replace all FastLane functions, now allows for preparation and submission of proposals to most NSF opportunities; this includes proposals with subawards. However, Research.gov is still limited in that it cannot yet handle separately submitted collaborative proposals from multiple organizations, or the following types of proposals: Conference, RAISE, RAPID, EAGER, CAREER and some others. Also, it cannot yet handle Single-Copy Documents. The following link shows what proposal functions it can and cannot handle at this point:

https://www.research.gov/common/attachment/Desktop/June_2019_Release_Timeline.pdf

NSF proposal preparation in Research.gov has several enhancements over FastLane: its easier to use, it checks for appropriate line spacing, fonts & font sizes, and it uploads PDFs much faster, including those generated from LaTeX source documents.

As a reminder, NSF will shut down proposal preparation in FastLane sometime after Research.gov is fully operational. Therefore, everyone must eventually transition to Research.gov. While that will be many months from now, it *will* happen. So I would highly recommend that NSF proposal preparers start working in Research.gov sooner rather than later in order to become comfortable with the new system. I'm sure the last thing you will want is to have a faculty member bring you a rush NSF proposal to get out only to find out that FastLane is no longer available.

- Real-time compliance feedback and alerts, so proposers know a proposal section is compliant before moving on to another section;
- Specific checks on the budget screens and for Collaborators and Other Affiliations (COA) uploads;
- A few seconds to upload documents versus 30-90 seconds for each document upload in FastLane; and
- Embedded relevant sections of the *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) and video job aids, so proposers don't have to go to multiple sites to access guidance and tools.

Initiating a Proposal in Research.gov

By answering a few questions in the five-step proposal wizard, Research.gov customizes the set-up process and compliance rules for the proposal being created. In addition, the proposal wizard dynamically drives the proposal sections that are required on subsequent screens.

If you have not done so already, we invite you to initiate a proposal in Research.gov by following the steps outlined below:

- Open [Research.gov](https://www.research.gov) and click "Sign In" located at the top right of the screen;
- Enter your NSF ID and password and click "Sign In;"
- From the Research.gov "My Desktop" page, click "New! Prepare Proposals (Limited proposal types)" in the "Prepare & Submit Proposals tile" **or** go to this option from the top navigation bar by selecting the "Prepare & Submit Proposals" tab and clicking on "New! Prepare Proposals (Limited proposal types);"
- Select the "Prepare Proposal" option in the "Prepare New Proposal" tile on the left side of the Proposal Preparation page; and
- Follow the five-step proposal wizard to set up the proposal.

After completing the initiation steps, you are ready to complete all required and optional sections of your proposal and then submit it to NSF.

Submitting Feedback

NSF wants to hear from you! To submit feedback about the new Research.gov Proposal Preparation and Submission Site:

- Go to the [Research.gov Feedback](#) page;
- Choose "Other" under the Site Area dropdown menu;
- Include your feedback in the Comments or Suggestions field; and
- Click Submit when you are ready to send your feedback to NSF.

Training Resources and Additional Information

- [Research.gov About Proposal Preparation and Submission webpage](#) – This webpage includes links to FAQs and video job aids ([Initiating a Proposal](#), [How to Manage Personnel & Senior Personnel Documents](#), [How to Work on a Proposal Budget](#), [How to Upload a Collaborators and Other Affiliations Document](#), and [How to Submit a Research Proposal in Research.gov](#)). Note: If a video does not automatically play in your browser, please try viewing the video using a different browser.
- [Automated Proposal Compliance Checks for Proposals Submitted via Research.gov](#) – This checklist presents all of the current Research.gov automated proposal compliance checks, together with the associated non-compliant errors or warnings.
- Additional information about proposal preparation and submission in Research.gov, including FAQs, is available on the [Electronic Research Administration \(ERA\) Forum website](#).

Please share this information with your colleagues. If you have IT system-related questions, please contact the NSF Help Desk at 1-800-381-1532 or rgov@nsf.gov. Policy-related questions should be directed to policy@nsf.gov.

Regards,
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