

NSF Overview: Biographical Sketch + Current and Pending Support

As of October 2020, the National Science Foundation (NSF) requires one of two forms for submitting Biosketches and Current and Pending Support: the Fillable PDF or the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) SciENCv (Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae).

Biographical Sketch

NSF requires a biographical sketch for each individual identified as senior personnel.

What to report:

- All the individual's academic, professional, or institutional appointments, beginning with the current appointment
- **With regard to professional appointments, senior personnel must identify all current domestic or foreign professional appointments outside of the individual's academic, professional, or institutional appointments at the proposing organization.**

Format changes effective October 2021:

- **Page limitation increased from two to three pages; more space for Sections C and D**
- **Senior personnel that wish to include publications in the products section of the biographical sketch that include multiple authors may, at their discretion, choose to list one or more of the authors and then "et al." in lieu of including the complete listing of authors' names**

VISIT FOR TEMPLATE:
https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/nsfapp_roversformats/biosketch_oct42021.pdf

Current and Pending Support

NSF uses the information submitted in the Current and Pending Support section to assess the individual researcher's capacity to carry out the project as proposed and help assess **any potential overlap or duplication with the project being proposed.** All planned, pending and current project support and in-kind support that is either provided directly to the individual or to the individual through their organization in support of that individual's research endeavors, from whatever source, should be reported.

*Overall Objectives :

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*Statement of Potential Overlap :

What to report:

- Contracts or Cooperative Agreements – All such sponsored agreements for research or educational activities
- **Consulting activities not permitted by an individual's appointment, or where an exception has been granted.**
- **Travel supported/paid by an external entity to perform research with an associated time commitment.**
- **Startup companies based on non-Chapman-licensed intellectual property.**
- Fellowship Programs - If the fellowship is granted to the Principal Investigator and/or key personnel.
- Foreign Talent Programs - Any foreign-state-sponsored attempt to acquire U.S. scientific-funded research or technology through foreign government-run or funded recruitment programs
- Gifts in support of research that come with conditions
- Internal research funding (ex. Faculty Opportunity Fund)

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Other format changes effective October 2021:
Trimming functionality was incorporated in FastLane and Grants.gov to remove any blank pages from the NSF-approved current and pending support fillable PDF

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

<https://www.research.gov/common/attachment/Desktop/NSFPDF-FAQs.pdf>

Type of Activity	Biographical Sketch	Current & Pending Support	Facilities, Equipment & Other Resources	Project Reports	Post-Award Information Term & Condition	Disclosure Not Required
Undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral training, including location, major/area and degree and year	✓					
Academic, professional ⁴ or institutional appointments, whether or not remuneration is received, and, whether full-time, part-time, or voluntary	✓					
All projects (including this project) currently under consideration from whatever source, and all ongoing projects, irrespective of whether support is provided through the proposing organization, another organization or directly to the individual		✓		✓*	✓◆	
In-kind contributions that support the research activity for use on the project/proposal being proposed			✓			

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In-kind contributions not intended for use on the project/proposal being proposed to NSF and have an associated time commitment		✓		✓*	✓◆	
Consulting that is permitted by an individual's appointment and consistent with the proposing organization's "Outside Activities" policies and procedures						✓
Consulting that falls outside of an individual's appointment		✓		✓*	✓◆	
Travel supported/paid by an external entity to attend a conference or workshop						✓
Travel supported/paid by an external entity to perform research activities with an associated time commitment		✓		✓*	✓◆	
Honoraria						✓
Teaching commitments						✓
Startup company based on organization-licensed Intellectual Property (IP)						✓
Startup company based on non-organization-licensed IP		✓		✓*	✓◆	
Unrestricted Gifts						✓
Visiting scholars in labs						✓
Mentoring as part of appointment						✓
Graduate and postdoctoral researchers time on project						✓
Academic Year Salary						✓

Table Key

* = for new support only

◆ = If undisclosed at the time of proposal submission

NSF Overview: Other Changes

On October 5, 2020, NSF added the following new question to the Edit Participants screen: Has there been a change in

- the active other support of the PI/PD(s) since the last reporting period? If “Yes,” they will be required to upload their most up-to-date Current and Pending Support document in an NSF-approved format.

Important Note: It is the responsibility of the Investigator to confirm that their Current and Pending Support

- information is complete and accurate. Any information that was not included in the original Current and Pending Support submission must be reported to NSF within 30 days of discovery or disclosure to the university.

The following questions were also added to the “Impact” and “Changes/Problems” tabs:

- What was the impact on teaching and educational experiences? (Impact tab);
 - What percentage of the award’s budget was spent in a foreign country? (Impact tab); and
 - Has there been a change in primary performance site location from that originally proposed? (Changes/Problems tab)
- PIs and co-PIs must indicate the percentage of the award’s budget that was spent in a foreign country on annual and final reports

Visit for more information:

Project Reports

<https://www.research.gov/research-web/content/aboutprojectreports>

Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 22-1):

https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappg22_1/nsf22_1.pdf

NSF's Proposal & Award Policy Update PowerPoint:

<https://thefdp.org/default/assets/File/Presentations/NSF%20Update%20FDP%20Fall%202021.pdf>