Electronic Research Administration (ERA) Forum Webinar Series



Public Access Repository (PAR) 2.0, Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and Proposal Submission Modernization Updates: Status of Migration and Adoption of Research.gov and Demo of Research.gov Proposal Preparation

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Agenda

- Welcome, Forum Webinar Logistics, and How to Engage with the Forum
- The ERA Forum
- Speakers
- Forum Webinar Discussion Topics:
 - Public Access Repository (PAR) 2.0 Updates
 - Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
 - Proposal Submission Modernization Updates
 - Where we are and what is planned for the future
 - Status of migration and adoption of Research.gov
 - Demo NSF-PAR and How to prepare a proposal in Research.gov
- Questions and Answers
- Next Steps and ERA Forum Resources

How to Engage with the Forum

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The ERA Forum

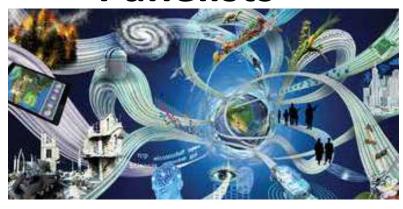
Background and Purpose

 Provides the approach to regularly engage the research community, which includes collecting individual opinions and perspectives on ERA activities, gathering topics of interest for future Forum Webinars, and soliciting volunteers for usability studies.

Past Forum Webinar:

- Spring 2021:
 - Key updates included additional proposal types and associated <u>automated compliance checks</u> enabled in Research.gov <u>and</u> in the Research.gov demo site: Facilitation Awards for Scientists and Engineers with Disabilities (FASED), Equipment and Travel.
 - Ability for proposers to withdraw both **single submission (with and without subawards)** and **separately submitted collaborative proposals** in Research.gov.
 - New proposal withdrawal FAQs and Training resources were added to the *Research.gov* <u>About</u> Proposal Preparation and Submission page as of March 22.
 - New callout box to help proposers quickly see the proposal and submission types currently supported in Research.gov.

Panelists



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Public Access Repository (PAR) 2.0 Sharing Research Dataset Information

NSF Public Access Initiative

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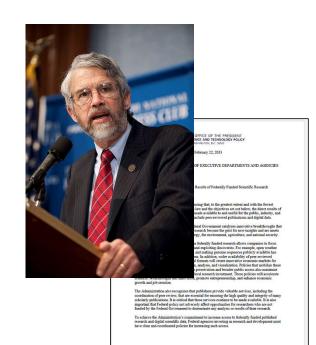


Context for PAR 2.0 Dataset Features

- Historical Context of the NSF Public Access Repository (PAR)
 - Reasons why NSF undertook a Public Access Initiative and created the PAR together with associated public access deposit policy requirements
 - PAR 1.0 (Current System) functions
- Transition from PAR 1.0 and PAR 2.0
 - Reasons for continuing to enhance the NSF PAR
 - What is staying the same
 - New PAR 2.0 research dataset capabilities
- Anticipated Continued PAR Development
 - Adding capabilities for additional research products in future releases
 - Public feedback on PAR 2.0 and future capabilities

Holdren Memo

- Subject: "Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research"
- Issued February 22, 2013 by John P. Holdren, Director,
 White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
 (OSTP) under the Obama Administration
- "committed to ensuring that"..."the direct results of federally funded scientific research are made (publicly) available"... "Such results include <u>peer-reviewed</u> <u>publications</u> and <u>digital data</u>."
- Directed agencies that issue \$100M+ "to develop a plan to support increased public access to the results of research funded by the Federal Government."

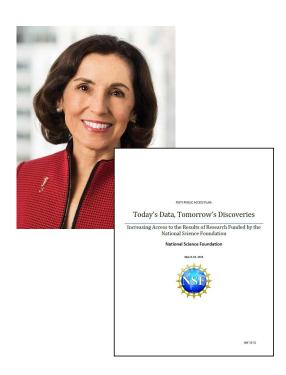


NSF 15-52 Plan

- NSF's Public Access Plan is document NSF 15-52, entitled:

 Today's Data, Tomorrow's Discoveries: Increasing Access
 to the Results of Research Funded by the National Science
 Foundation

 (https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2015/nsf15052/nsf15052.pdf)
- Published March 18, 2015; issued under NSF Director France Córdova, with report leadership by Amy Friedlander and contributions by many others within NSF
- This plan led to the development of NSF PAR, public access deposit requirements in the NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG), an intra-NSF cross-agency working group, and active NSF participation in inter-agency coordinating groups

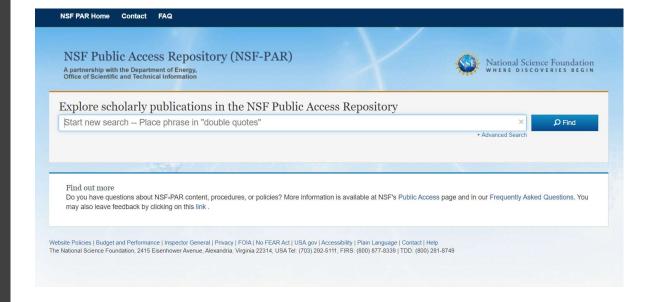


Public Access Requirements for Depositing Articles Resulting from NSF Funded Research Awards (from PAPPG)

- NSF's policy on public access to copyrighted material reflects the Foundation's commitment to making certain that, to the extent possible, the American public, industry and the scientific community have access to the results of Federally funded scientific research. Pursuant to this policy, grantees must ensure that articles in peer-reviewed scholarly journals and papers in juried conference proceedings:
- are deposited in the NSF Public Access Repository (PAR)
- are available for download, reading, and analysis within 12 months of publication
- possess a minimum set of machine-readable metadata elements
- are reported in annual and final reports with a persistent identifier
- either the final printed version or the final peer-reviewed manuscript is acceptable for deposit
- each NSF grant contains, as part of the grant general terms and conditions, an article implementing these public access requirements

NSF Public Access Repository (PAR)

- The NSF PAR is the infrastructural implementation of the agency's public access requirements
- Developed as a result of the NSF 15-52 Plan in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI)
- NSF PAR is a distributed, virtual system comprised of components in NSF Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) and the DOE OSTI public repository interface



PAR 1.0 (Current) System Functions and Characteristics

PAR 1.0 is focused on Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Enables researchers to enter metadata for peer-reviewed articles or auto-populate by means of Digital Object Identifiers (DOI)
- Metadata recorded in PAR is also transmitted and synchronized with Award Search database
- The metadata for articles can be searched and displayed
- Researchers may deposit (or retrieve) public access articles as PDF/A files or point to download locations through DOI
- Note that PAR is not a single system, but rather an infrastructure of various interacting software systems in several different parts of the NSF infrastructure, also making use of modified modules from the DOE Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI) system

https://par.nsf.gov/



Reasons for Continuing to Enhance the NSF PAR

Data Sharing and the Broader Lens of Open Science

- Recent reports, projects, and recommendations by advisory groups such as the National Academies of Science have highlighted the critical importance of open science principles and data sharing practices such as FAIR
- Similarly, members of many scientific communities have highlighted the importance of these issues in many professional venues
- The NSF has noted this emerging need and is responding to it by initiating this enhancements program for PAR
- NSF anticipates that a robust ecosystem of public repositories and data management practices will continue to emerge and evolve among disciplinary communities and in institutions



What is Staying the Same

- All of the functions and requirements in PAR 1.0 will carry over to the new PAR 2.0
- Researchers must still deposit juried papers in PAR 2.0 as previously
- The new capabilities will be OPTIONAL and not required for at least calendar 2022 year
- This is a moment to begin making plans to notify your researchers of this new capability; it is NOT a change in requirements of NSF grants.

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PAR 2.0 (New Version) Feature Enhancements

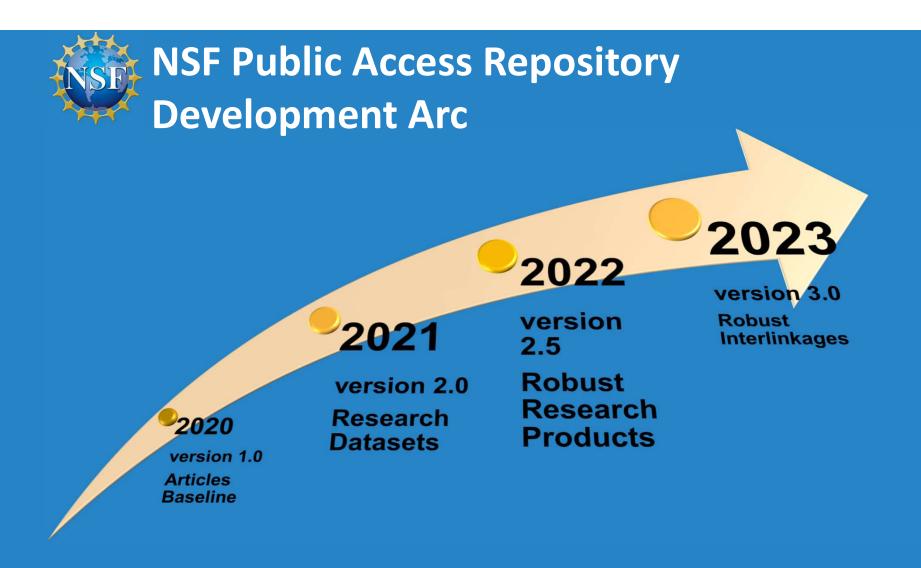
PAR 2.0 will add capability for public access to **DATASETS**

- Will enable researchers to auto-populate metadata for reposited datasets by entering a DOI
- Unlike articles, will not require deposit of datasets (because of extreme variations in dataset size and established disciplinary practices)
- The metadata for datasets will be searchable and displayed in NSF PAR
- Dataset reporting will be voluntary in this initial release

Feedback on PAR 2.0 and Future Capabilities

<u>Future versions (PAR 2.5 – 3.0) will add additional needed enhancements</u>

- Subsequent versions of PAR are anticipated to add additional research product types (e.g., software, reports, etc.) and machine-actionable interrelationships between research products
- There are a variety of questions to be explored with datasets and other research product types (metadata quality control, expectations about data dictionaries, etc.)
- The public announcement of PAR 2.0 at the November 2021 Electronic Research Administrators webinar will invite institutional research administration professionals to coordinate feedback from their communities to inform NSF about new PAR capabilities



To Provide Feedback on PAR, PAR 2.0, and future directions please email us at:

publicaccess@nsf.gov

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

UEI Changes by GSA and SAM Registration

GSA Changes

UEI Implementation date: by April 4, 2022

- 1. DUNS ID will no longer be used to uniquely identify entities
- 2. Entities will use a SAM.gov-issued Unique Entity Identifier (SAM)
- 3. SAM.gov-issued UEI will be 12-character alpha-numeric

Benefits

- Eliminates the requirement to obtain UEI from a third-party website
- Streamlines the entity registration, identification, and validation process
- Makes it easier and less burdensome for entities to do business with the Federal Government

GSA UEI Updates

GSA UEI Updates Page

NSF Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) High-Level Overview

NSF UEI Implementation

NSF UEI Implementation: End of January 2022

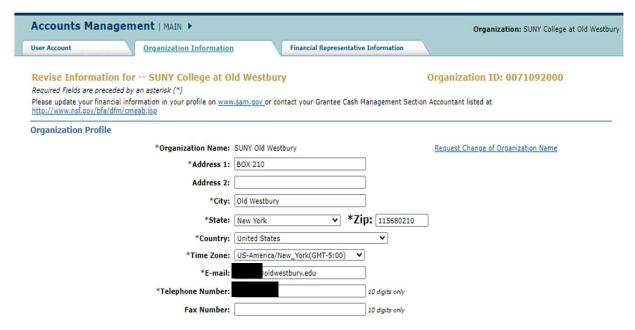
- 1. Organization Registration on Research.gov:
 - A. SAM.gov-issued UEI required
 - B. DUNS ID will no longer be used or displayed
 - C. Between January and April 4, 2022, users must still obtain DUNS ID and SAM.gov-issued UEI for SAM registration, per SAM requirements
- 2. Organization Information Updates
- 3. Research.gov & FastLane Display Changes:
 - A. Proposal Preparation (Research.gov & FastLane)
 - **B.** Award Notices
 - C. Reporting
 - D. Award Search

Organization Information Update Changes

Name & Address Updates

As of end of January 2022:

- SAM Legal Business Name and SAM Physical Address changes must be made on SAM.gov
- NSF organization information will be synched daily with SAM.gov databases
- Organization information changes for physical address will no longer be allowed through the FastLane Organization Update (at right).



NSF Organization Name & SAM Legal Business Name

- Compliance: Displaying SAM Legal Business Name and SAM Physical Address will align NSF with SAM data standards and policies
- To decrease potential confusion (see SUNY example to the right), NSF Organization Name will be displayed alongside the SAM Legal Business Name.

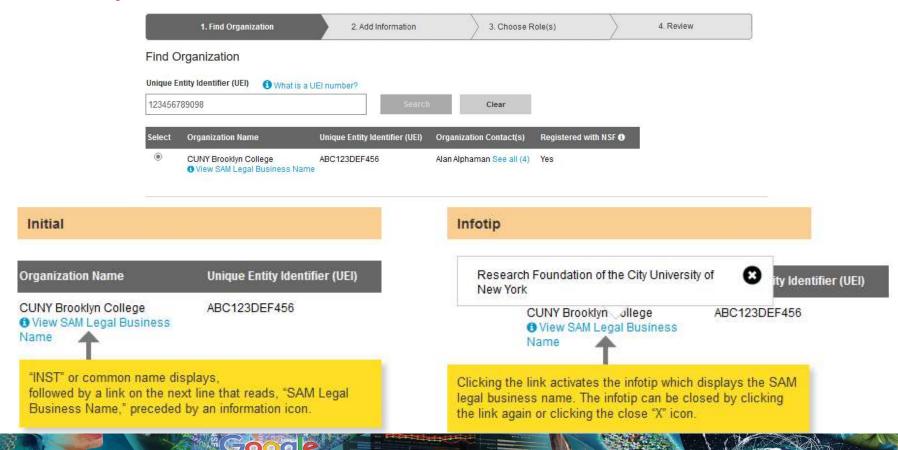
NSF Organization Name	SAM Legal Business Name	
SUNY at Albany	RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE	
SUNY at	RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE	
Binghamton	UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE	
SUNY at Buffalo	RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE	
SUNY College at	RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE	
Brockport	UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE	
SUNY College at	RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE	
Buffalo	UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE	
SUNY College at Fredonia	RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE	
SUNY College at	RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE	
Geneseo	UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE	
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Old Westbury	UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE	

NSF Impacts and Display Changes

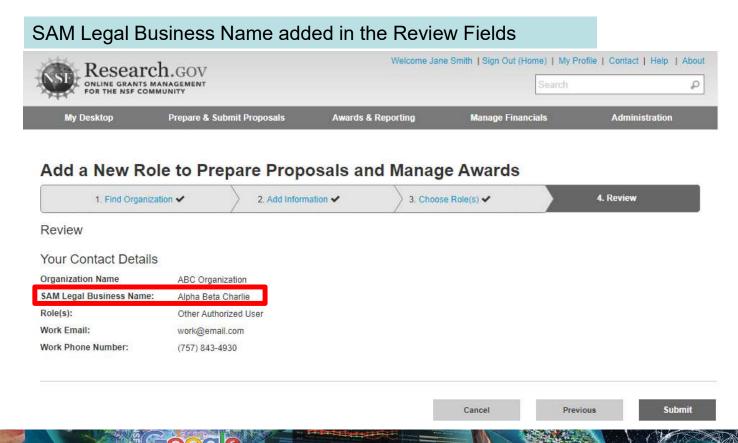
- 1. DUNS-to-UEI display & transition:
 - A. SAM.gov-issued Unique Entity Identifier will be displayed as: Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) or UEI
- 2. SAM Legal Business Name to be displayed alongside NSF Organization Name
- 3. SAM Physical Address will be the address of record for organizations registered with NSF
- 4. DUNS+4 (DUNS Qualifier) will be renamed ETF Indicator
- 5. Subawardees will need to receive a UEI from SAM they will not need to formally register in SAM

NSF Sample Changes to Research.gov User Interface

(NOTIONAL)



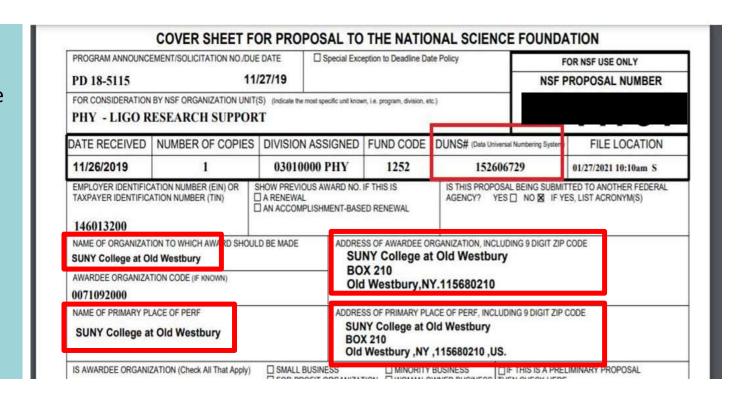
NSF – Sample Changes to Role Management Page (Research.gov)



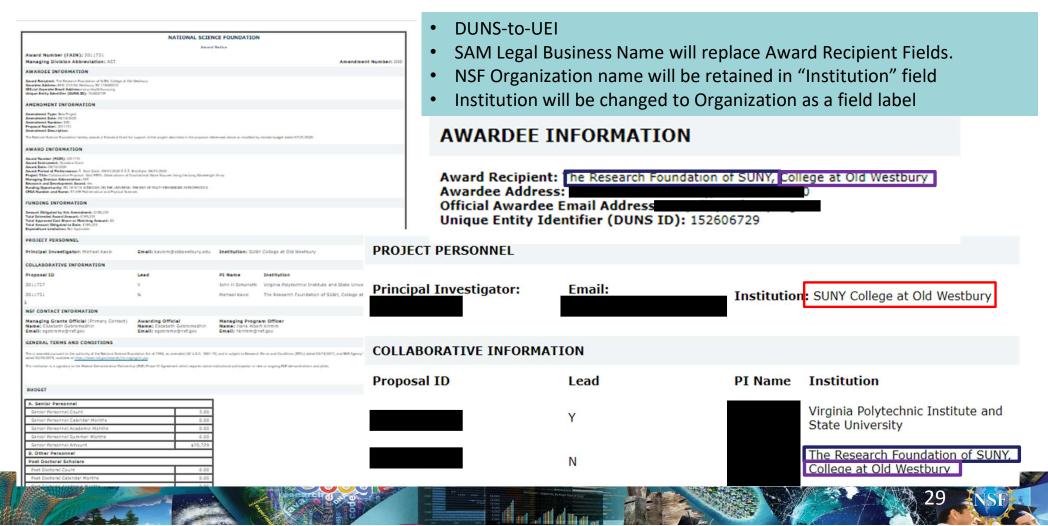
NSF Proposal Cover Sheet (Proposal Submission)

Page updates:

- DUNS-to-UEI update
- NSF Organization Name will be displayed in "Name of Primary Place of Perf" unless PPOP is updated by end user
- SAM Legal Business Name will be displayed in "Name of Organization to which Award should be made" field
- SAM physical address to be displayed in "Address of Awardee Organization" field

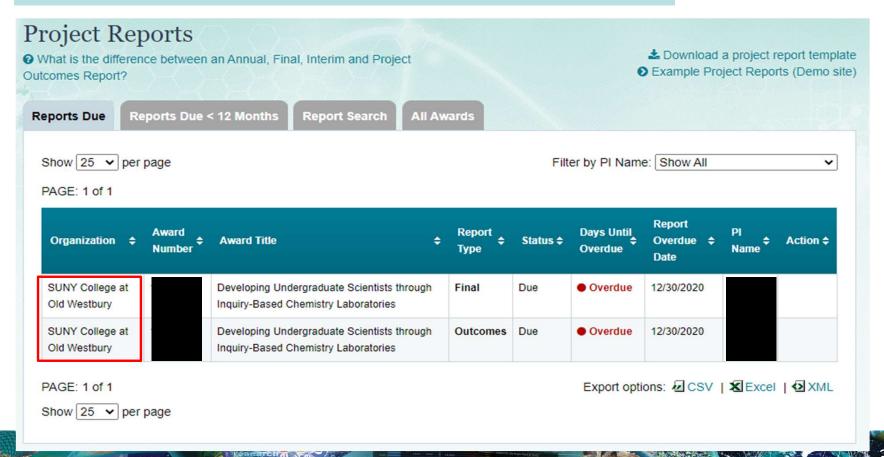


NSF Award Notice (Research.gov or FastLane)



NSF Reporting – RPPR (Research.gov)

SAM Legal Business Name will be displayed alongside Organization



NSF Award Search

DUNS-to-UEI Address will reflect SAM Physical Address for Awardee



Migrating Proposal Preparation and Submission from FastLane to Research.gov

Research.gov Implementation – Important Notice No. 147

- Per <u>Important Notice No. 147</u>, NSF is taking proactive steps to incrementally move the preparation and submission of all proposals from FastLane to Research.gov
- FastLane is targeted to be removed as a submission option from all funding opportunities by December 31, 2022
- Many NSF funding opportunities are supported in Research.gov and clearly specify whether submission via Research.gov is available or required

Important Notice No. 147

Research.gov Implementation Update

Important Notice to Presidents of Universities and Colleges and Heads of Other National Science Foundation Grantee Organizations

September 22, 2020

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has been at the forefront in the development of Federal agency electronic systems designed to prepare and submit proposals for Federal financial assistance. From the introduction of FastLane in 1994, to the incremental development of Research.gov as its eventual replacement, NSF has led the way with modern, agile systems tailored to meet the needs of the research community.

While NSF's FastLane system has been a resounding success story, it is now an aging, antiquated system that has become increasingly expensive to maintain and even harder to improve. Over the past few years, NSF has partnered with and received valuable input from the research community, resulting in the development of a modern, flexible Research.gov system that reduces administrative burden to meet the current and future needs of researchers, administrators and organizations. As a result, NSF has successfull migrated important research functions from FastLane to Research.gov including the preparation and submission of annual and final project and outcomes reports, most notifications and requests and award payments. NSF is now taking proactive steps to incrementally move the preparation and submission of all proposals from FastLane to

In support of this effort, in the coming weeks and months, NSF will begin making changes to specific funding opportunities to require the use of Research.gov for the preparation and submission of proposals to NSF. The Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO) will soon require the use of Research.gov for the preparation and submission of proposals in response to its core programs that do not have deadline dates. NSF funding opportunities will clearly specify whether submission via Research.gov is available or required.

To ensure that researchers and administrators are prepared for these changes, NSF is developing additional training materials to meet the needs of the community. This includes video tutorials, Frequently Asked Questions, step-by-step guides and a demonstration site. Current training materials are available on the About Research.gov site.

NSF encourages the community to become familiar with Research.gov and to begin using it for the preparation and submission of proposals, as well as to provide NSF with valuable feedback. For additional information, FAQs, opportunities for training and to provide feedback, please visit Research.gov.

Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan

¹During this time, NSF will continue to permit proposals to be prepared and submitted via Grants.gov.

Migrating Proposal Preparation and Submission from FastLane to Research.gov: Why?

- FastLane, launched in 1994, is built on technology once cutting edge but now considered old and inflexible
 - Research.gov architecture can support current and future improvements and requested features to help reduce administrative burden for both the research community and NSF staff (e.g., expanded automated compliance checking supports reducing administrative burden as well as minimizing return without review proposals)
 - Research.gov user interface conforms to modern industry standards and is intuitive and userfriendly
- Since July 2020, Research.gov is able to support all Research proposals that conform to standard
 <u>Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide</u> (PAPPG) requirements for formatting and document
 content
- New proposal types and submission types are only being developed in Research.gov

Note: Grants.gov continues to be an option for the preparation and submission of most types of NSF proposals. Research.gov is not the same as Grants.gov, the interagency portal allowing organizations to search and apply for federal funding opportunities for many federal agencies including NSF.

Migrating Proposal Preparation and Submission from FastLane to Research.gov: *How?*

- Incrementally remove FastLane from funding opportunities as an option for proposal submission. Gradual proposal system transition decreases burden on both the research community and NSF staff (e.g., Program Officers and NSF Help Desk technicians)
- Continue to develop and deploy additional proposal preparation functionality in Research.gov (Research.gov Proposal Submission Capabilities)
- Engage NSF staff to facilitate a smooth transition
- Expand Foundation-wide efforts to reach the research community
- Bolster training resources for internal and external stakeholders
- Update NSF policy documents including the PAPPG

Research.gov Proposal Preparation: Advantages for Principal Investigators and Research Administrators

Features to help reduce proposal preparation administrative burden:

- Improved user experience through intuitive and dynamic interfaces that provide only relevant proposal preparation options
- Immediate feedback within each proposal section and for each document upload rather than at proposal submission in FastLane
- Faster document uploads (a few seconds versus 30-90 seconds for <u>each</u> document upload in FastLane)
- Expanded <u>automated compliance checking</u> utilizing error messages (preventing proposal submission) and warning messages (allowing proposal submission)
 - There are currently 100+ compliance checks in Research.gov versus ~60 compliance checks in FastLane
 - Specific, actionable error and warning messages
- Higher quality proposal submissions (e.g., PDF uploads are not altered)
- Minimized Return without Reviews due to some proposal formatting issues

Research.gov Proposal Preparation Tips

- Research.gov is being added to solicitations whenever possible as a submission option, even if FastLane is not yet removed. NSF strongly encourages proposal submission via Research.gov
- Program descriptions and solicitations are supported in Research.gov
- Proposal information cannot be transferred from FastLane to Research.gov and vice versa
- Proposal file updates (PFUs) and budget revisions must be executed in the same system as the proposal was submitted (i.e., Research.gov or FastLane)
- All proposals in a separately submitted collaborative from multiple organizations must be prepared in the same system (i.e., all in Research.gov or all in FastLane)
- Proposals submitted in Research.gov are evaluated by NSF in the same way as proposals submitted in FastLane and Grants.gov, and this migration does not affect the merit review process in any way

Research.gov Proposals: Where We Are and What's Ahead

Current Capabilities	Upcoming Capabilities	Future Capabilities
Proposal Types ✓ Research: Single Submissions from One Organization (April 2018) ✓ Research: Single Submission Collaborative Proposals with Subawards (June 2019) ✓ Research: Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposals from Multiple Organizations (March 2020) ✓ Rapid Response Research (RAPID) (November 2020) ✓ EArly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER) (November 2020) ✓ Research Advanced by Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering (RAISE) (November 2020) ✓ Facilitation Awards for Scientists and Engineers with Disabilities (FASED) (March 2021) ✓ Equipment (March 2021) ✓ Travel (March 2021)	Proposal Types Center (November 2021 release) Research Infrastructure (November 2021 release) Fellowship (including Reference Letter Writer) (TBD release) Submission Types Preliminary Proposal (non-Ideas Lab) (November 2021 release) Full Proposal related to a Preliminary	Proposal Types SBIR and STTR Phases I/II Solicitation-specific Requirements Additional specified forms or documents (e.g., post-doc forms) Secondary Units of Consideration Post-award Actions Supplemental Funding Requests, including Career Life Balance Supplemental Funding
 ✓ Conference (August 2021) ✓ Ideas Lab (August 2021) ✓ Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI) (October 2021) ✓ Planning (October 2021) Submission Types: 	Proposal (November 2021 release) Proposal Features Project Descriptions Exceeding 15 Pages (November 2021 release) EHR Project Data Form (TBD release)	Requests per PAPPG (NSF 22-1)
 ✓ Preliminary Proposal (Ideas Lab only) (August 2021) ✓ Renewal Proposal (August 2021) ✓ Accomplishment-Based Renewal Proposal (August 2021) ✓ Letter of Intent (October 2021) Proposal Features ✓ Withdrawal (Single and Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposal Submissions) (March 2021) 	 Training Additional Topic-specific How-to Guides (ongoing) Webinars (e.g., Fall 2021 ERA Forum) 	
Training ✓ Research.gov Proposal Prep Demo Site (October 2020) ✓ Initial Topic-specific How-to Guides (March 2021) ✓ Proposal Preparation Demo Video (March 2021)		

Recent Research.gov Proposal Enhancements

Recent Research.gov Proposal Enhancements

• New submission types and new proposal types were enabled in Research.gov on August 30 and on October 4:

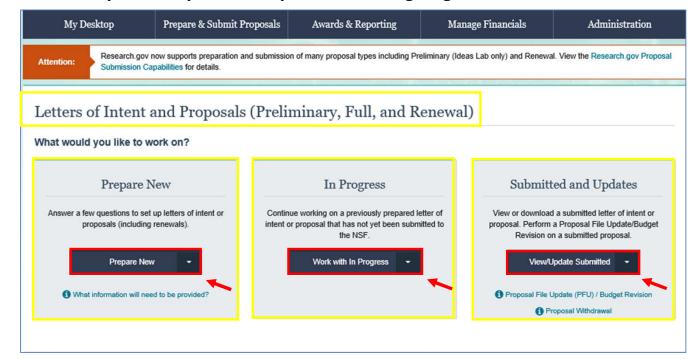
NEW Submission Types	NEW Proposal Types
 August 30: Preliminary Proposal (Ideas Lab Only) Renewal Accomplishment-Based Renewal 	August 30:ConferenceIdeas Lab
October 4: • Letter of Intent	October 4:GOALIPlanning

- An updated layout for the proposal preparation landing page was enabled on August 30 and enhanced on October 4 to include letter of intent
- Research.gov system changes in support of PAPPG (<u>NSF 22-1</u>) were implemented on October 4, including enhancements to support the updated NSF-approved formats for biographical sketch and current and pending support. Trimming functionality for the current and pending support fillable PDF was also enabled

Recent Enhancements: Proposal Preparation Landing Page

- An updated proposal preparation landing page was enabled to accommodate new submission types in Research.gov and in the Research.gov Proposal Preparation demo site
- Users select the submission type first and then will follow the custom setup wizard to initiate the letter of intent or proposal

Proposal Preparation Updated Landing Page Screenshot



Recent Enhancements: Proposal Preparation Landing Page

New submission types available as of August 30:

- Preliminary Proposal (Ideas Lab only)
- Renewal Proposal
- Accomplishment-Based Renewal Proposal

New submission type available as of October 4:

Letter of Intent

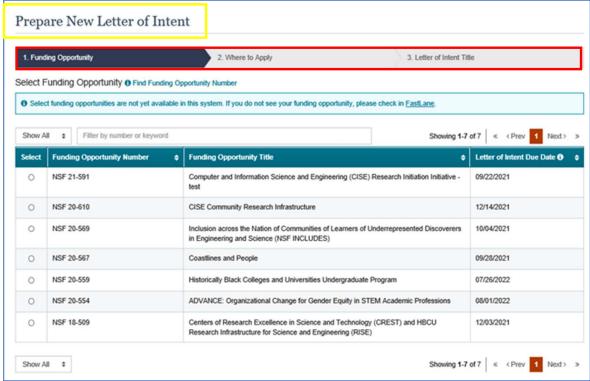
Letters of Intent and Proposals (Preliminary, Full, and Renewal) What would you like to work on? Prepare New In Progress Submitted and Updates Answer a few questions to set up letters of intent or Continue working on a previously prepared letter of View or download submitted letters of intent and intent or proposal, that has not yet been submitted proposals. Perform a Proposal File Update/Budget proposals (including renewals). Revision on submitted proposals. Prepare New Work with In Progress View/Update Submitted etter of Intent 1 Proposal File Update (PFU) / Budget Revision Preliminary Proposal R Proposal Withdrawal **Full Proposal** Accomplishment-Based Renewal

Updated Landing Page: "Prepare New" Tile Drop-down Menu Options

Recent Enhancements: Letter of Intent Preparation

- Letter of intent (LOI) was enabled on October 4
- Users with a Principal Investigator (PI), Sponsored Project Officer (SPO), or Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) role can initiate an LOI
- Both the LOI and the associated full proposal must be prepared in either Research.gov or FastLane and cannot be a mix of both systems

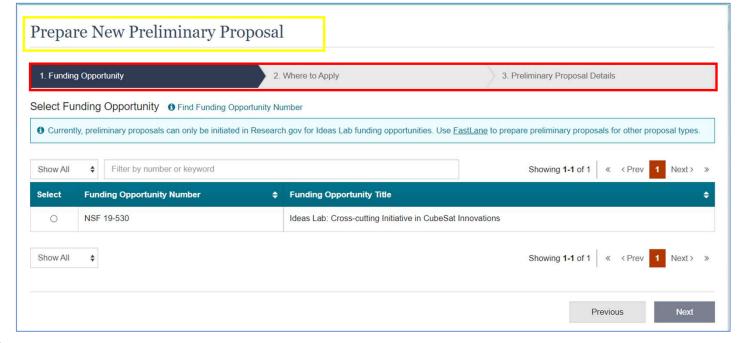
Letter of Intent Three-step Proposal Setup Wizard



Recent Enhancements: Preliminary Proposal Preparation (Ideas Lab Only)

- On August 30, preliminary proposals for <u>Ideas Lab</u>
 <u>only</u> were enabled in Research.gov
- FastLane must be used to prepare preliminary proposals for other proposal types
- Only Ideas Lab funding opportunities will display and be available for selection in Step One of the proposal setup wizard

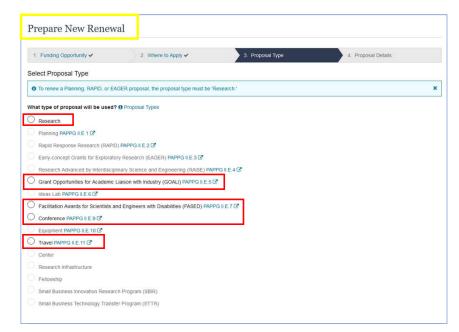
Preliminary Proposal Three-step Proposal Setup Wizard

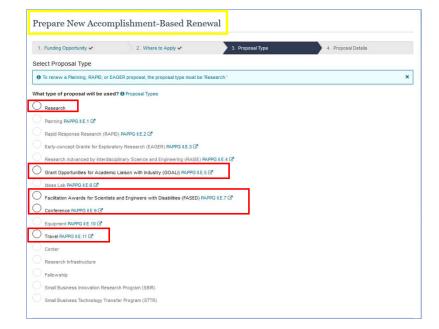


Recent Enhancements: Renewals

- Available proposal types for Renewal and Accomplishment-Based Renewal proposals are limited to Research, GOALI, FASED, Conference, and Travel
- To renew a RAPID, EAGER, or Planning proposal, the PI will select the Research proposal type

Research.gov Proposal Screenshots: Renewal and Accomplishment-Based Renewal Proposal Type Options





Recent Enhancements: Full and Renewal Proposal Preparation



Recent Enhancements: Proposal Types

- New proposal types available as of August 30:
 - Conference
 - Ideas Lab
- New proposal types available as of October 4:
 - Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI)
 - Planning
- Associated automated compliance checks for each proposal type were also enabled

Research.gov Proposal Screenshot: Full Proposal Type Options



Note: All Proposal Types are listed in Research.gov but only those currently supported will be available for selection (i.e., unavailable selections are grayed out). View the Research.gov Proposal Submission Capabilities for details.

Note: Career-Life Balance (CLB) Supplemental Funding Request was added as a new proposal type in the PAPPG (NSF 22-1) and must be submitted by using the "Supplemental Funding Request" function in FastLane.

Recent Enhancements: Proposal Preparation Landing Page

- In Progress tile drop-down menu includes the following options as of October 4:
 - Letters of Intent
 - Preliminary Proposals*
 - Proposals (Full and Renewals)
- Users navigate to in progress LOIs and proposals using the dropdown menu to continue working on them

Updated Landing Page: "In Progress" Tile Drop-down Menu Options



^{*}Preliminary proposals were only enabled for Ideas Lab on August 30. FastLane must be used to prepare preliminary proposals for other proposal types.

Recent Enhancements: Proposal Preparation Landing Page

- Submitted and Updates tile drop-down menu includes the following options as of October 4:
 - Letters of Intent
 - Preliminary Proposals*
 - Proposals (Full and Renewals)
- Users navigate to submitted LOIs and proposals using the drop-down menu to view them or to perform a proposal file update/budget revision

Updated Landing Page: "Submitted and Updates" Tile Drop-down Menu Options



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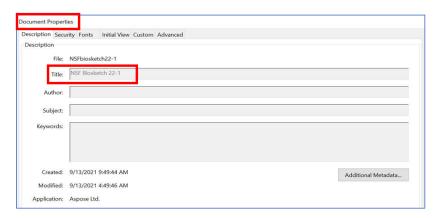
Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support

Updates to NSF-approved Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support Formats

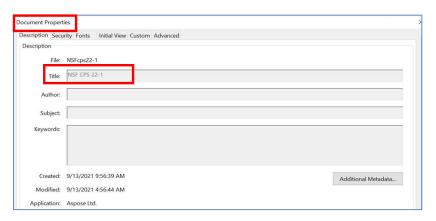
- NSF-approved biographical sketch and current and pending support formats are available on the NSF <u>biographical sketch</u> and <u>current and pending support</u> websites.
 Updated system-related FAQs are also posted: <u>FAQs on using SciENcv</u> and <u>FAQs on using NSF fillable PDF</u>
- The current version of the biographical sketch and current and pending support formats must be used for proposals submitted or due on or after October 4, 2021, in accordance with the PAPPG (NSF 22-1)
- Biographical sketch format updates include increasing the page limit from two to three pages
- Current and pending support format updates include the addition of new sections for information on objectives and overlap with other projects to help NSF and reviewers assess overlap/duplication

NSF-approved Format: SciENcv

- Research.gov, FastLane, and Grants.gov will ONLY accept the current versions as of October 4, 2021
- Determining format version
 - Right click anywhere in the SciENcv-generated
 PDF document and select Document Properties
 - The current versions have the titles "NSF Biosketch 22-1" and "NSF CPS 22-1"
 - The previous versions have the titles "NSF Biosketch 20-1" and "NSF CPS 20-1"
- SciENcv documents created using version 20-1 prior to October 4, 2021, are automatically converted in SciENcv to the updated 22-1 version after October 4, 2021



Document Properties screenshot: Biographical sketch



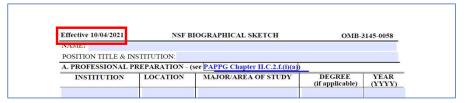
Document Properties screenshot: Current and pending support

NSF-approved Format: NSF Fillable PDFs

Research.gov, FastLane, and Grants.gov will ONLY accept the current versions as of October 4, 2021

Current Version of Biographical Sketch:

- has the title "NSF Biosketch 22-1" in Document Properties (right click anywhere in the PDF document and select Document Properties)
- has "Effective 10/04/2021" in the title line on the first page
- may be up to three pages



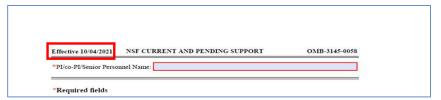
Top of fillable PDF: Updated biographical sketch

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- has "Revised 05/01/2020" in the title line on the first page
- may be up to two pages

Current Version of Current and Pending Support:

- has the title "NSF CPS 22-1" in Document Properties (right click anywhere in the PDF document and select Document Properties)
- has "Effective 10/04/2021" in the title line on the first page
- is 27 pages



Top of fillable PDF: Updated current and pending support

Previous Version of Current and Pending Support:

- has the title "NSF CPS 20-1" in Document Properties (right click anywhere in the PDF document and select Document Properties)
- has "Revised 05/01/2020" in the title line on the first page
- is 15 pages

Trimming Functionality for Current and Pending Support Fillable PDF

Current and Pending Support Fillable PDF Update: Trimming Functionality

- Trimming functionality was incorporated in FastLane and Grants.gov on August 30 and in Research.gov on October 4, to remove any blank pages (i.e., pages with no data entered by users) from the NSF-approved current and pending support fillable PDF
- Trimming service is triggered in FastLane and Research.gov at document upload and in Grants.gov at proposal submission
- Current and pending support documents submitted as part of annual and final project reports in the Research.gov
 Project Reporting System also will be trimmed of blank pages upon document upload
- Functionality <u>only</u> applies to the NSF-approved current and pending support fillable PDF and not to any other uploaded PDFs. Current and pending support PDFs generated in SciENcv do not include blank pages
- PDF page numbers will not be updated during the trimming process in the paginated current and pending support fillable PDF document, so it is possible for the trimmed PDF to have skipped page numbers corresponding to the blank pages removed

Upcoming Research.gov Proposal Enhancements

Upcoming Enhancements Available November 22

New proposal types:

- Center
- Research Infrastructure

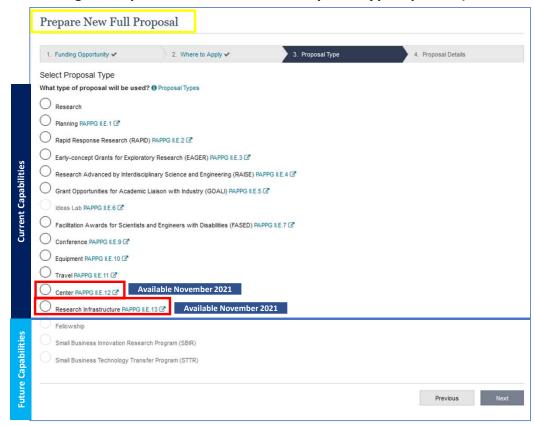
New submission types:

- Preliminary Proposal (Program Solicitations other than Ideas Lab)
- Full Proposal related to a Preliminary Proposal

New feature:

Project Description exceeding 15 pages

Research.gov Proposal Screenshot: Full Proposal Type Options (11/22/21)



Research.gov Proposal Demo

- Setup Wizard
- Main Page
- Document Upload and Compliance Error/Warning Messages
- Budget
- Highlights of recent and upcoming enhancements

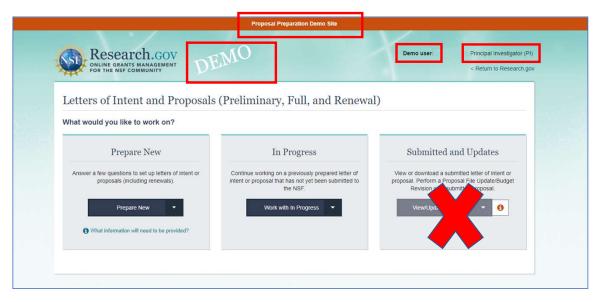


DEMO NSF PAR and Research.gov Proposal Preparation Site and Training Resources

Research.gov Proposal Preparation Demo Site

- Demo site can be used to explore preparing proposals <u>and</u> to check compliance of uploaded proposal documents (e.g., Collaborators and Other Affiliations and Biographical Sketch)
- All demo site users are automatically given the PI role for demo site purposes, in order to perform the proposal <u>preparation</u> functions that a PI can do in the actual system. Proposal submission capability is disabled
- See the demo site FAQs on the Research.gov <u>About Proposal Preparation</u> and <u>Submission</u> page for information on demo site access and features

Research.gov Demo Site: Proposal Preparation Homepage

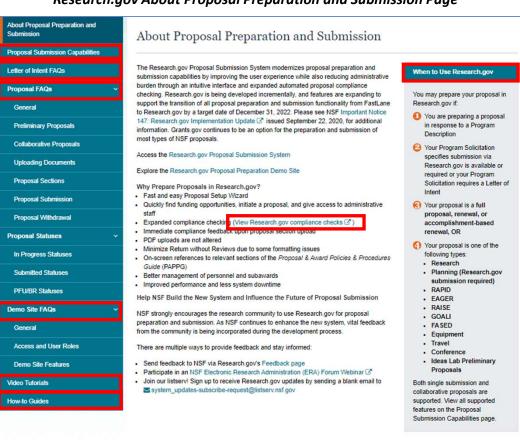


Research.gov Proposal Training Resources

Training resources on the Research.gov <u>About</u> <u>Proposal and Submission</u> page:

- FAQs by topic
- Links to video tutorials including a <u>16-minute</u> <u>demo video</u> highlighting key proposal preparation features and preparing proposal file updates/budget revisions
- Link to <u>Automated Compliance Checking of NSF</u>
 <u>Proposals</u> page to view current Research.gov proposal compliance checks
- Links to topic-specific how-to guides (e.g., <u>Initiating a Proposal</u> and <u>Sharing Access with</u> <u>Sponsored Projects Office/Authorized</u> Organizational Representative)

Research.gov About Proposal Preparation and Submission Page



Research.gov Proposal Training Resources (cont'd)

Inline help features are available to proposers throughout the Research.gov proposal system and the proposal preparation demo site:

- Information tool tips indicated by the blue information icon:
- Links to the PAPPG
- Links to FAQs
- Links to video tutorials

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Proposal Main Page Example

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Information Resources

- Join our NSF System Updates listserv to receive the latest Research.gov system enhancement information and FastLane news! Sign up by sending a blank email to: system-updates-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov
- Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals page
- Research.gov <u>About Proposal Preparation and Submission</u> page (new information is being added on an ongoing basis, so please check back frequently....)
- Research.gov <u>About Account Management</u> page
- NSF Electronic Research Administration (ERA) Forum page
- NSF ERA Forum listserv to receive updates on ERA Forum activities. Sign up by sending a blank email to: NSF-ERA-FORUM-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov

Contacts for Questions

- For program-specific questions, please contact the cognizant NSF Program Officer
- For IT system-related questions or technical questions, please contact the NSF Help Desk at 1-800-381-1532 (7:00 AM - 9:00 PM ET; Monday - Friday except federal holidays) or via rgov@nsf.gov
- Policy-related questions should be directed to policy@nsf.gov





Next Steps and ERA Forum Resources

☐ Post-webinar Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NSFFall2021ERASurvey

☐ERA Forum Email

- Questions pertaining to the presentation can be sent to nsferaforum@nsf.gov
- If you are interested in participating in future application usability studies, please send an email with your contact information to nsferaforum@nsf.gov

☐ Subscribe to ERA Forum Listserv

• Send an email to <u>Nsf-era-forum-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov</u>

□NSF ERA Forum Website:

• Agenda and presentation slides will be available soon on the ERA Forum website at: https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/era forum.jsp.

Thank you for participating in today's ERA Forum Webinar

Appendix

Research.gov Proposal Compliance Error and Warning Messages

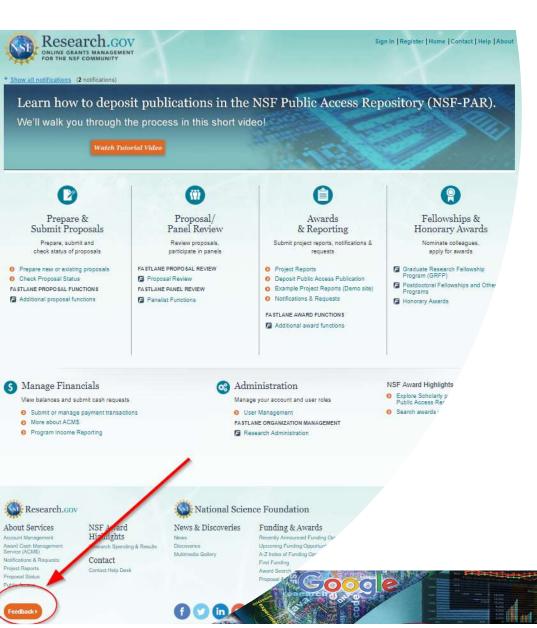
- Automated proposal compliance checks triggering an error message will prohibit proposal submission to NSF, whereas checks triggering a warning message will still allow proposal submission
- Proposers receiving a compliance error or warning message should check the <u>Automated</u>
 <u>Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals</u> page and the solicitation for specific proposal requirements
- Proposers should also review the topic-specific FAQs on the Research.gov <u>About Proposal</u>
 <u>Preparation and Submission</u> page
 - Uploading Documents topic includes margin and line spacing FAQs
 - Proposal Sections topic includes Cover Sheet and budget FAQs
- **Reminder:** Effective November 2020, the compliance checks and associated compliance warnings for font type and font size were removed in Research.gov to align with FastLane and NSF policy

Research.gov Proposal Preparation Demo Site Tips

- Demo site FAQs are available on the Research.gov <u>About Proposal Preparation and Submission</u> page via the left navigation menu. How-to guides with step-by-step instructions and screenshots are also available
- The demo site is available both to the research community and to NSF staff
- An orange "Proposal Preparation Demo Site" banner is at the top of each demo site page to indicate the user is on the demo site
- The demo site allows users to prepare and edit proposals before preparing them in the actual Research.gov site
- Demo site proposals are not visible or available in the actual Research.gov Proposal Submission System, and data cannot be transferred between the demo site and the actual proposal system
- All proposal and submission types available in the actual system are also available in the demo site. As proposal and submission types are added to the Research.gov Proposal Submission System, they will also be added to the demo site
- All compliance checks enabled in the actual Research.gov Proposal Submission System are also in the demo site. Proposers can use the demo site as a resource to check document compliance before uploading them in the actual system

Research.gov Proposal Preparation Demo Site Tips (cont'd)

- Proposals created in the demo site will be available for six months and then will be deleted by NSF.
 Neither NSF nor users will be able to access deleted demo proposal data
- Demo site does not support proposal submission and will not trigger any system-generated email notifications (e.g., link requests for separately submitted collaborative proposals)
- The organization that you are affiliated with in your NSF account profile will be incorporated when you are in the proposal preparation demo site, but the user role(s) that you have will not be available in the demo site
 - All users who access the demo site will be given the role of PI and the mock organization "National Science Foundation"
 - This means that users from the research community will have the organization(s) they are affiliated with in their NSF account profile plus the "National Science Foundation" mock organization as available organizations in the demo site
- The only time other users will be able to view and/or edit any proposals that you create in the demo site is if you add them to the proposal as a co-PI or OAU. If you don't add any users to the proposal, no one will else will be able to access, view, or edit your demo proposal



Providing Research.gov Proposal Feedback

Why?

- Influence the future of proposal submission
- Help NSF continue to build Research.gov

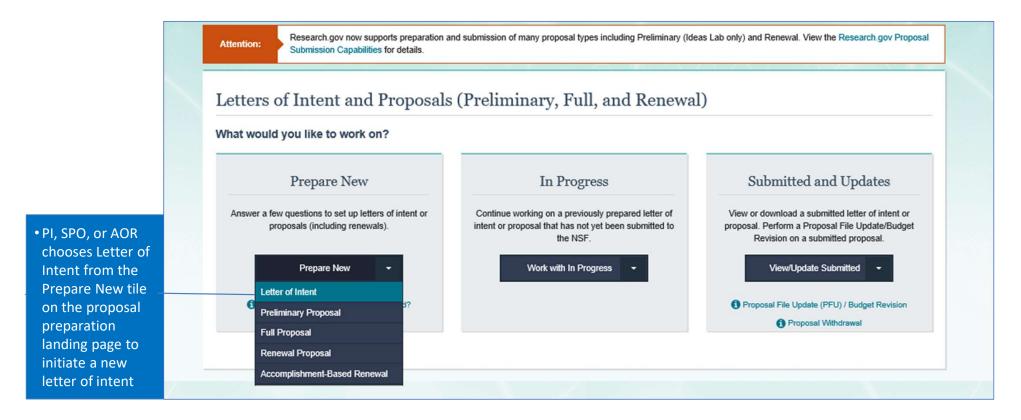
How?

- Feedback may be submitted on the Research.gov Feedback page
 - Select "Proposal Preparation & Submission" under the Site Area dropdown menu to provide feedback on the Research.gov Proposal Submission System
 - Select "Proposal Preparation Demo Site" under the Site Area dropdown menu to provide feedback on the demo site

Appendix: Research.gov Demo Screenshots

Appendix: Research.gov Letter of Intent Demo Screenshots

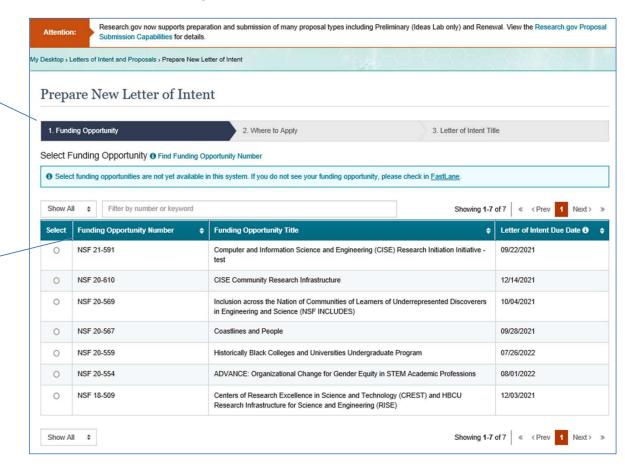
Demo: Letter of Intent



Demo: Letter of Intent Setup Wizard

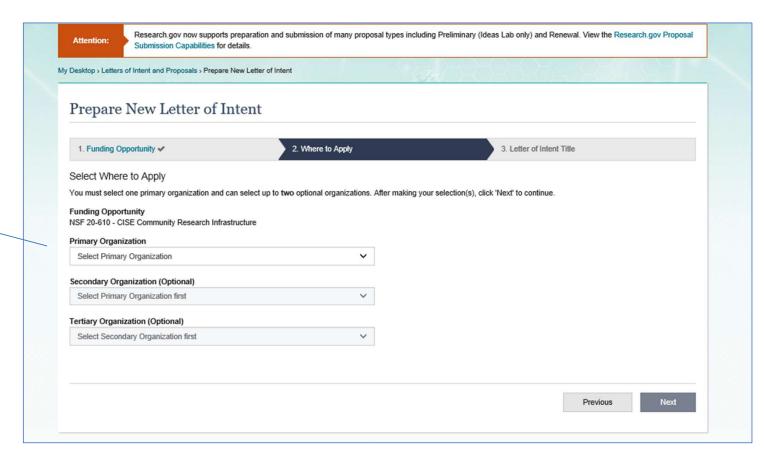
 Indicator shows required three step letter of intent setup process

 Only the funding opportunities requiring or accepting letters of intent display and will be available to select

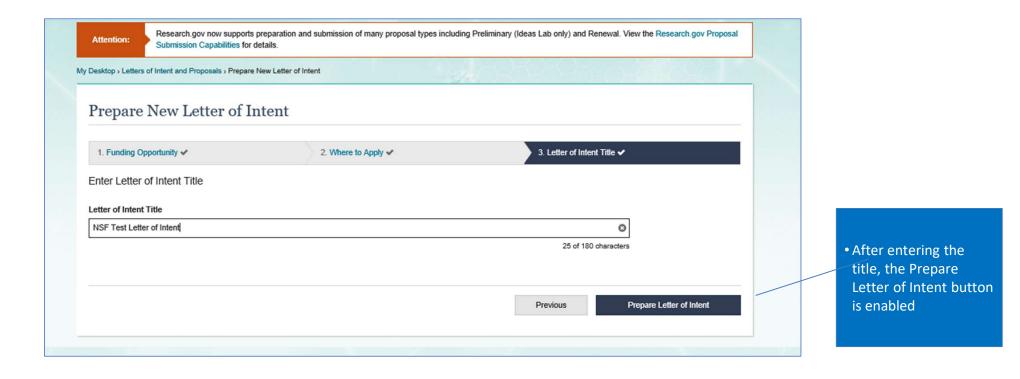


Demo: Letter of Intent Setup Wizard

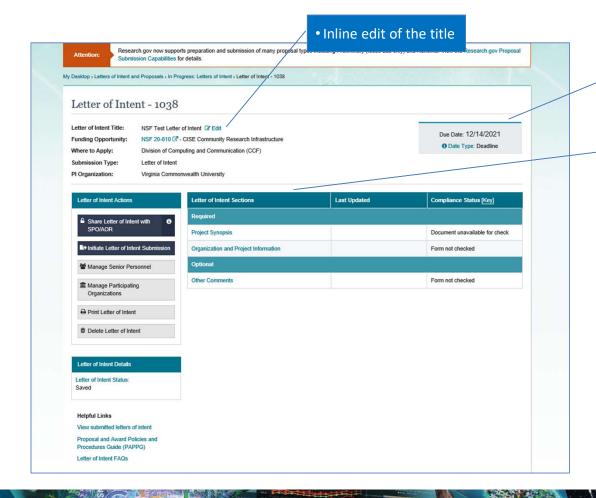
- If funding opportunity has multiple NSF organizations associated with it, the PI/SPO/AOR can choose the primary, secondary and tertiary organizations from a drop down list
 The secondary and
- •The secondary and tertiary organization fields are optional; the primary organization must be selected to proceed



Demo: Letter of Intent Setup Wizard



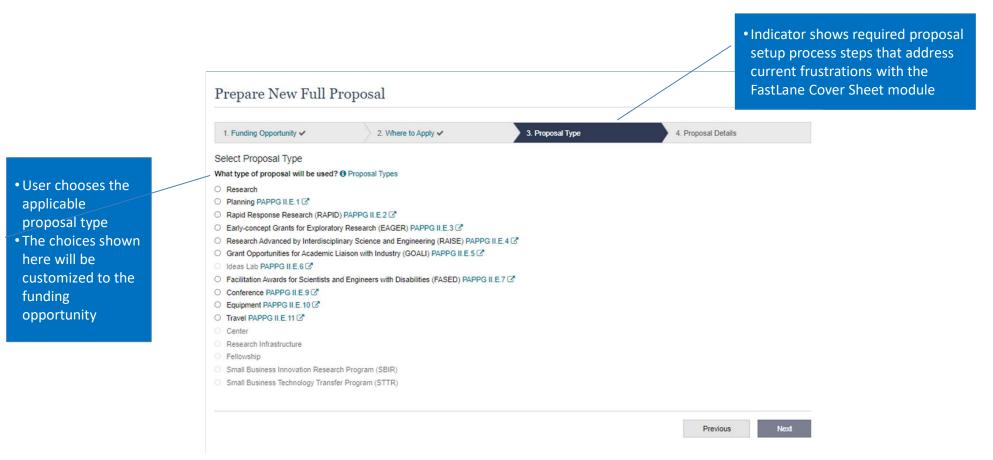
Demo: Letter of Intent Main Page



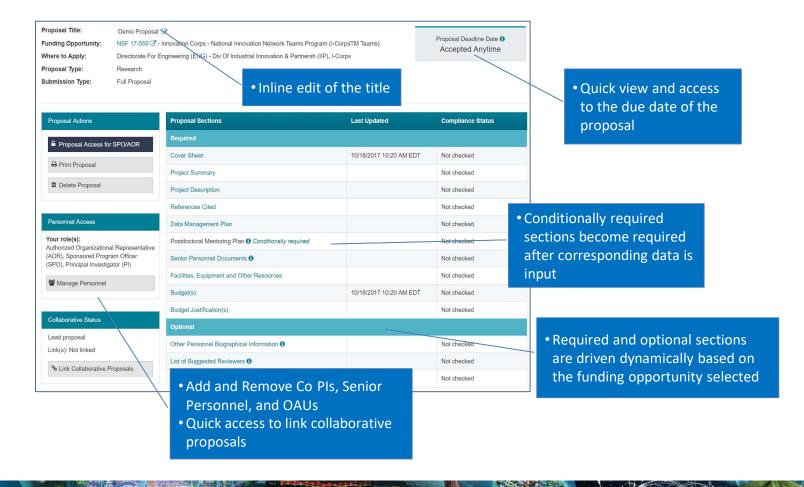
- Quick view and access to the letter of intent due date
- Required and optional sections are driven dynamically based on the funding opportunity selected

Appendix: Research.gov Full Proposal Demo Screenshots

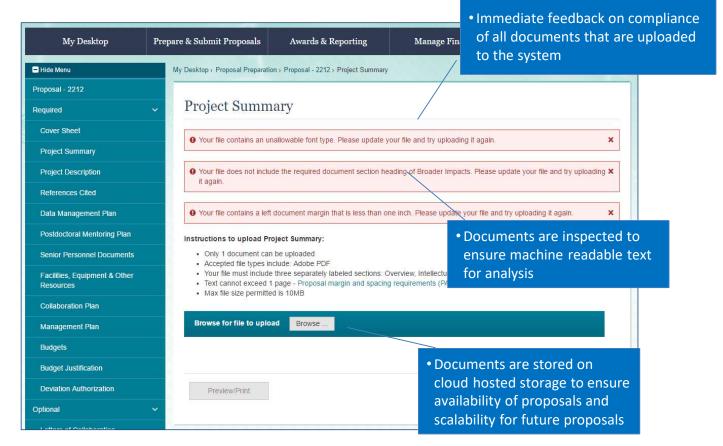
Demo: Proposal Setup Wizard



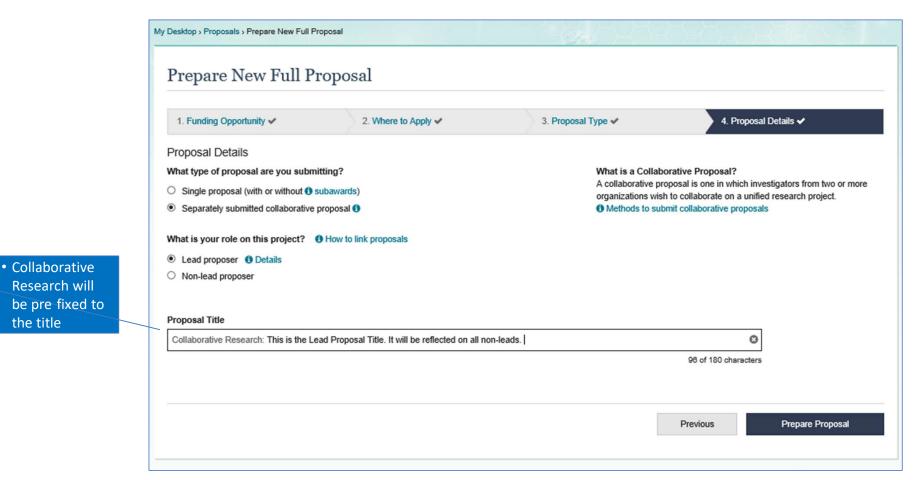
Demo: Proposal Main Page



Demo: Document Upload and Compliance Error/Warning Messages

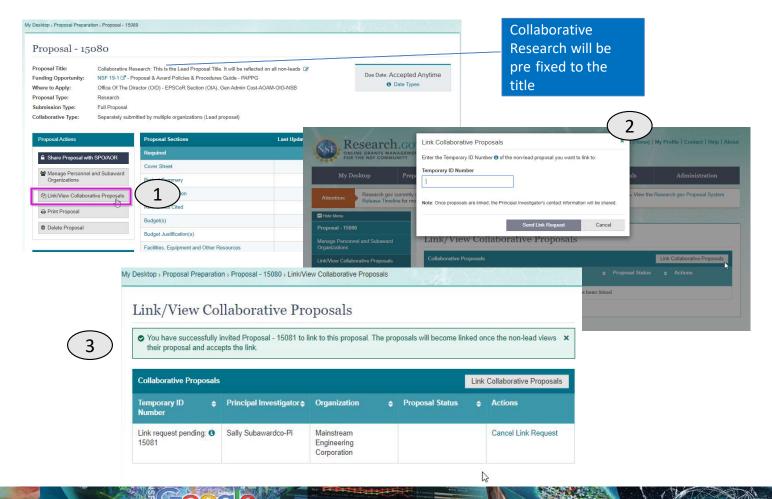


Demo: Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposals



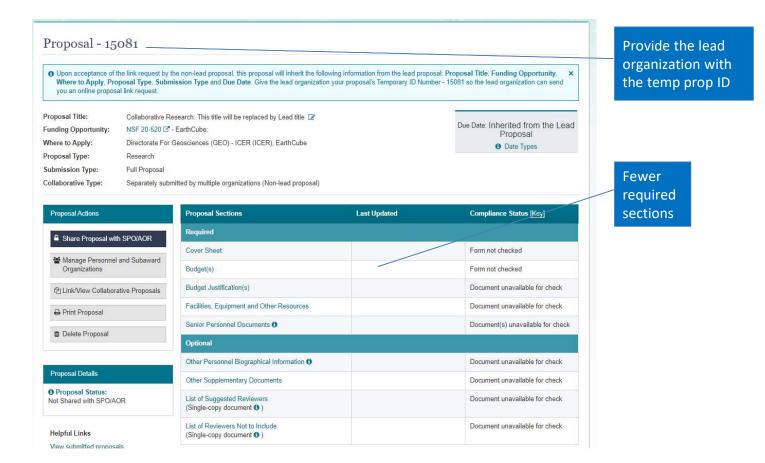
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Demo: Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposals - Linking

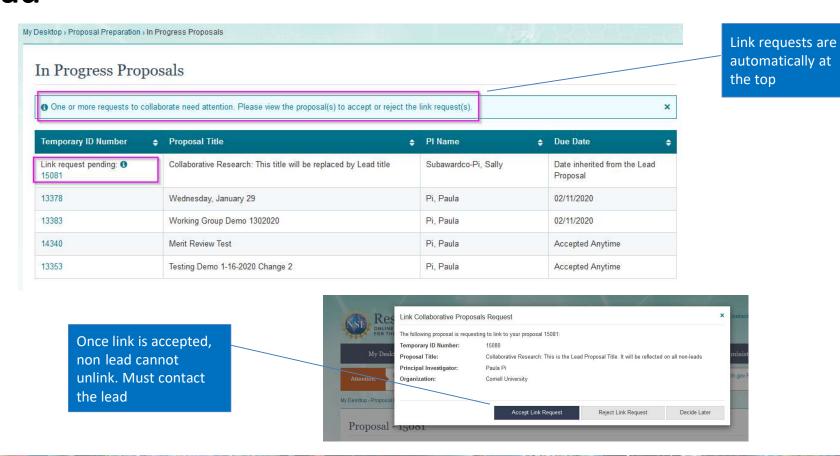


Demo: Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposals -

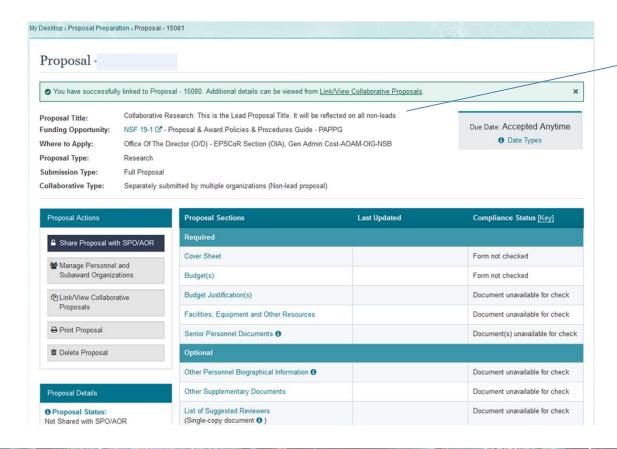
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Demo: Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposals - Non-lead

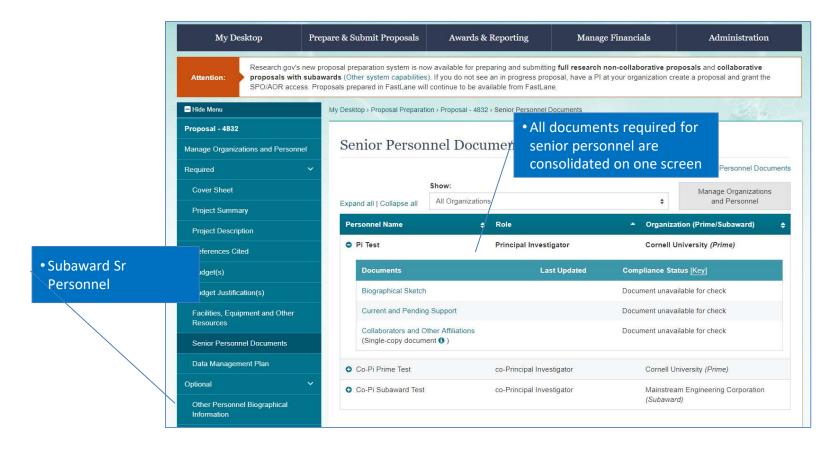


Demo: Separately Submitted Collaborative Proposals - Non-lead

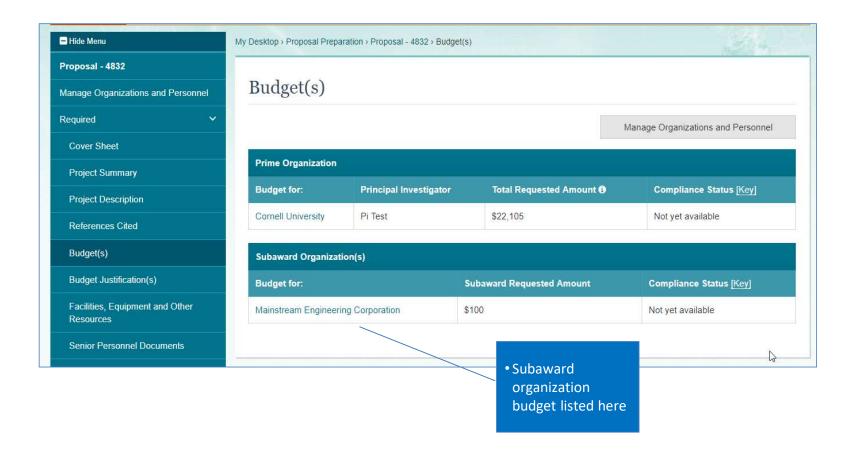


Once linked, non lead will inherit Title, Funding Opportunity, Where to Apply (units of consideration), Proposal Type, Submission Type, and Due Date

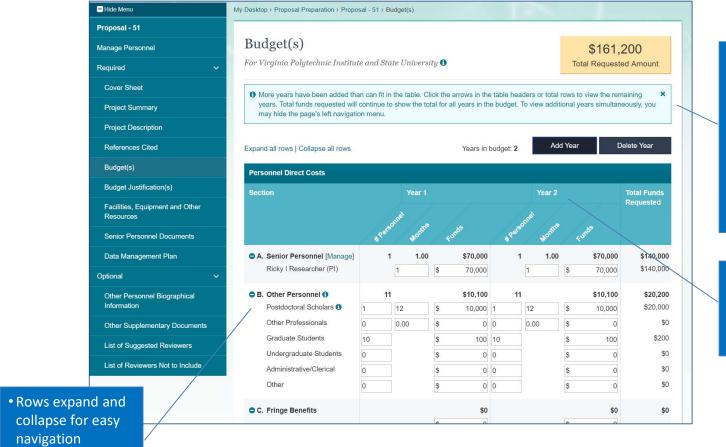
Demo: Senior Personnel Documents



Demo: Budget

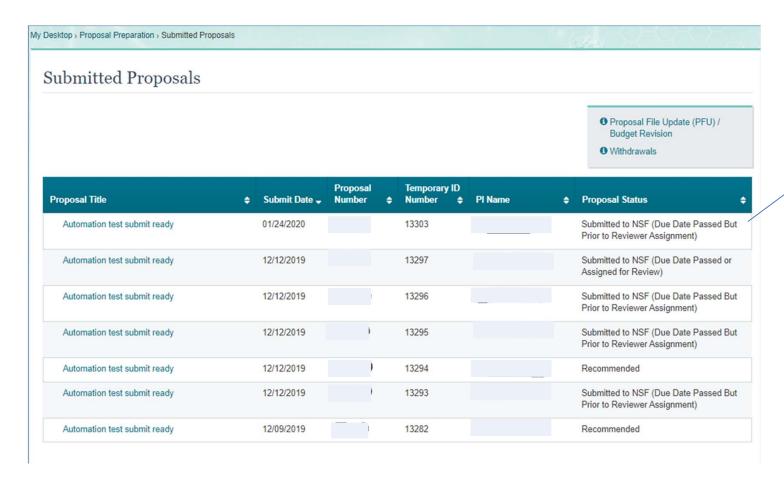


Demo: Budget

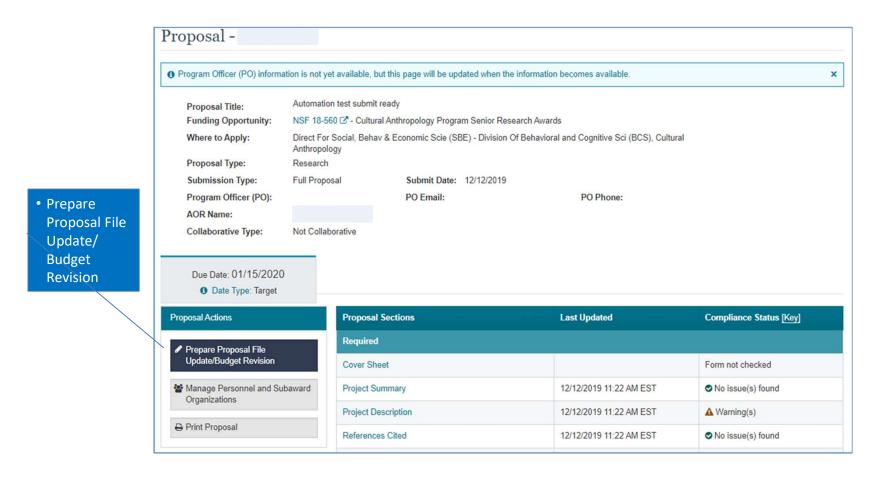


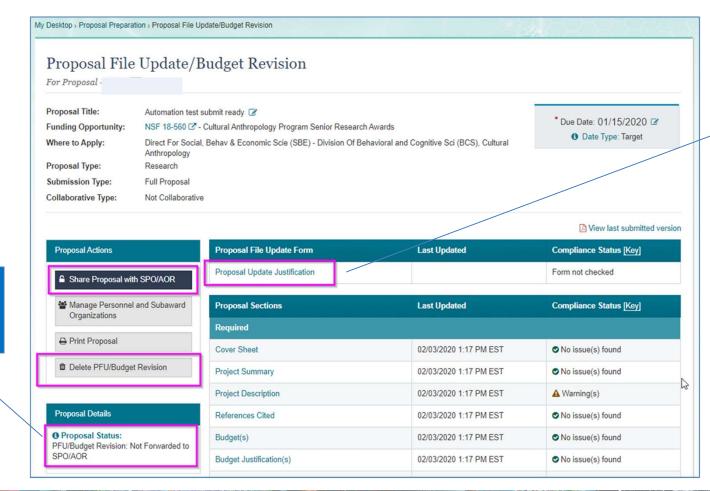
 All totals are dynamically summed and the total amount is placed on the Cover Sheet

 Multiple years displayed on one screen

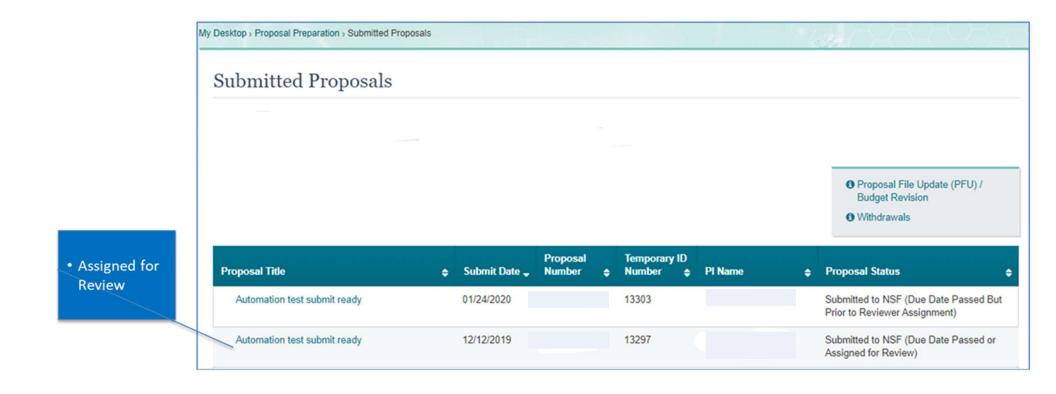


Prior to Review Assignment





Proposal Update
 Justification is
 required if there is
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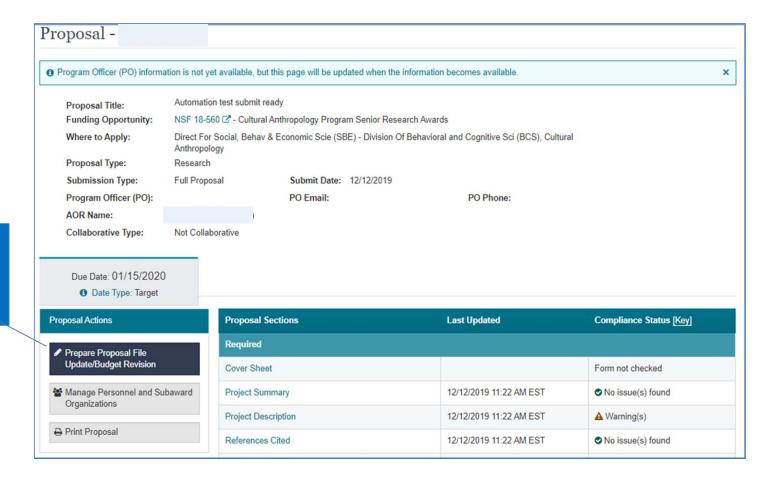


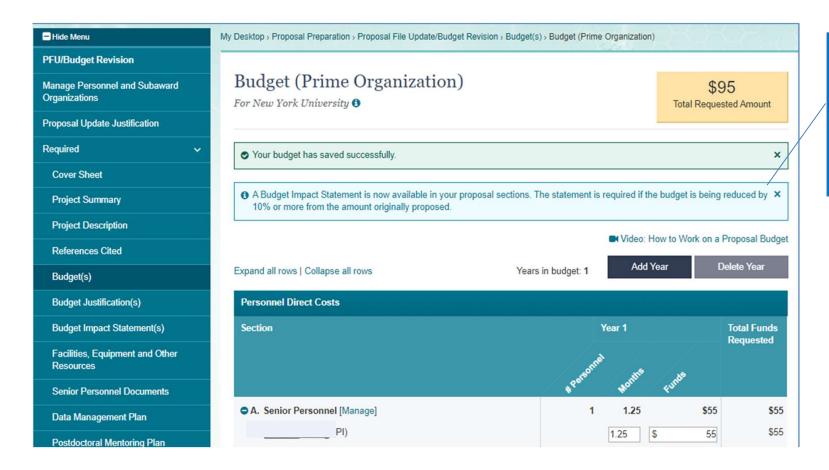
• Prepare

Budget

Revision

Proposal File Update/





 System will not enforce that the Budget Impact Statement exists if the budget is reduced by 10%