

October 2021 Newsletter

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New Grants Specialist



The Office of Sponsored Programs said goodbye to Loralin Welch in December. In January, we welcomed Lisa Nalker as our new Grants Specialist. Lisa relocated to the Shenandoah Valley last year, after spending 25 years as a program manager with the American Society for Microbiology in Washington, D.C. Lisa grew up in Lewisburg, West Virginia, and loves being back in the mountains surrounded by beautiful views in all directions.

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Revised version of the [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide \(PAPPG\) \(NSF 22-1\)](#) has been issued.

The new PAPPG will be effective for **proposals submitted or due on or after October 4, 2021**. Significant changes include:

- A new section covering requests for reasonable accessible accommodations throughout the proposal process or requests for accessibility accommodations to access NSF's electronic systems, websites and other digital content;
- A table entitled, [NSF Pre-award and Post-award Disclosures Relating to the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support](#). This

table identifies where pre- and post-award current and pending support disclosure information must be provided. Proposers and awardees may begin using this table immediately;

- Increasing the page limit for the biographical sketch from two to three pages;
- Updates to the current and pending support section of NSF proposals to require that information on objectives and overlap with other projects is provided to help NSF and reviewers assess overlap/duplication;
- Adding planning proposals and Career-Life Balance supplemental funding requests as new proposal types;
- Updates to travel proposals will require that AORs certify that prior to the proposer's participation in the meeting for which NSF travel support is being requested, the proposer will assure that the meeting organizer has a written policy or code-of-conduct addressing harassment.

You may view the full update [here](#)

Senior Personnel Checklist

If you are senior personnel on a NSF proposal, please plan to provide the following for the submission:

- NSF Style Biosketch - must either be completed within [SciENcv](#) or on the NSF PDF template, which is available at:
<https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/biosketch.jsp>
- NSF Current and Pending - must be completed in [SciENcv](#) or using the NSF PDF template, which is available at
<https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/cps.jsp>
 - Please note that this proposal will need to be listed as pending.
- NSF Collaborators and Other Affiliations Document
 - Additional information about this form is available at the following URL: <https://nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/coa.jsp>
- If you do not already have a current disclosure form on file with the Office of Research Integrity, please complete and submit a disclosure form to the [Office of Research Integrity](#) before the deadline. This form is to be submitted annually as long as the project is pending or current and is available at the following URL:
<http://www.jmu.edu/researchintegrity/fcoi/fcoiform.shtml>

Research.gov Implementation Update: Moving Away from Fastlane to Research.gov

We encourage principal investigators to start using Research.gov instead of Fastlane for NSF proposal submission. NSF is now taking proactive steps to incrementally move the preparation and submission of all proposals from FastLane to Research.gov with a tentative target date for completion by 2022.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

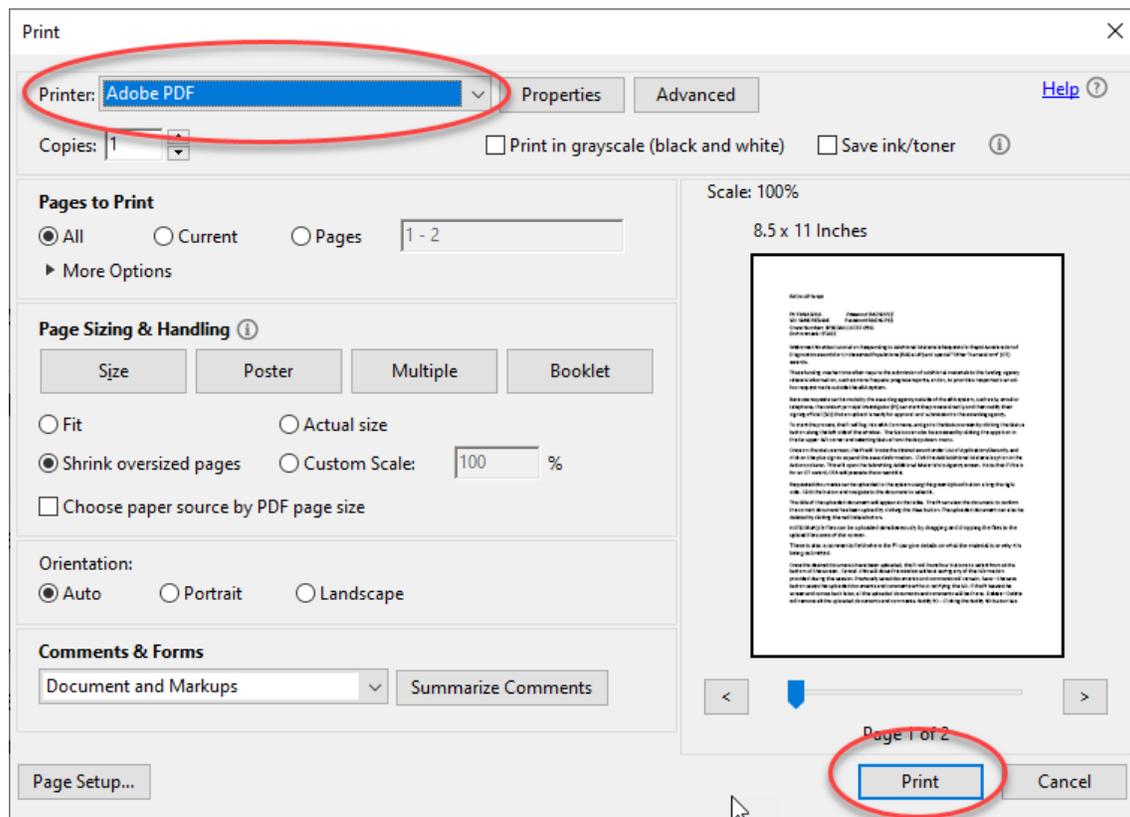
Although not required until January 2022, and more and more applicants and recipients are transitioning now to the updated formats and instructions for biosketch and other support documents. These improved resources are accessible at the following URLs:

- Biosketches- <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>
- Other Support - <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/othersupport.htm>

eRA Information: Reminder to “Flatten” PDFs for Just-in-Time and RPPR Before Uploading to eRA Commons

If a PDF for a Just-in-Time and RPPR submission is not flattened before the upload to eRA Commons, this may lead to an error. PDFs that have fillable fields, electronic signatures, text boxes or images inserted, become layered, with each of these elements representing a layer. Flattening a PDF merges these separate elements into one flat layer. There are a number of methods to flatten a PDF, the easiest of which is to print it as a PDF. Please see the instructions below:

To do this, go to File>Print, select the printer option from the menu that has a PDF option. Click the Print button and name the file.



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PDF Requirements

You may also need to upload ‘flattened’ PDFs in grants.gov workspace. Below is a common workspace message:

“The following attachment is not included in the view since it is not a read-only PDF file. Upon submission, this file will be transmitted to the Grantor without

any data loss.”

If you upload a ‘flattened’ PDF, you will not receive the above message. However, some sponsors may need you to submit the PDF as it is, because the sponsor requested a non-PDF, or complex PDF file type.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

Starting on April 4, 2022, the Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number will be replaced by a “new, non-proprietary identifier” requested in, and assigned by, the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). This new identifier is being called the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). JMU’s unique entity identifier is: MVTKSCN6NMH3

This and other frequently required information for grant applications are available on the OSP website at the following URL:

<https://www.jmu.edu/sponsoredprograms/forms-tools-resources/frequently-required-info-for-applications.shtml>

Save the Date:

Oct. 4-8

- Free [Fall 2021 NSF Virtual Grants Conference](#)

Nov. 1-4

- Free [Fall 2021 NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration](#)

Nov. 17

- Noftsinger Celebration of Madison Scholarship & Recognition Reception

March 10

- Grant Proposal Groundwork (TD2354): Thurs., March 10, 2022, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM

March 24

- *Grant Proposal: Building a Budget (TD2355)*: Thurs., March 24, 2022, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM
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