



REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) AGENCY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO THE RESEARCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Effective November 12, 2020, grants made to Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) and Non-profit organizations will incorporate by reference and will be subject to the [Research Terms & Conditions](#) dated November 12, 2020 and the [NSF Agency Specific Requirements](#) dated November 12, 2020. The *Research Terms & Conditions* will not be applied to NSF cooperative agreements or to NSF fellowship awards made to individuals.

The *NSF Agency Specific Requirements* apply to all new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants awarded on or after November 12, 2020 to institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations.

A 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, at policy@nsf.gov.

Significant Changes

- **Format, Content and Timing of Technical Reporting, Article 8.** This article has been updated in accordance with 2 CFR §200.344(i) to reflect that if the grantee does not submit all performance reports within one year of the period of performance end date, NSF must report the grantee's material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the award with the OMB-designated integrity and performance system (currently FAPIIS). NSF may also pursue other enforcement actions per 2 CFR §200.339.
- **Reporting Subawards and Executive Compensation, Article 17.** This article has been revised in accordance with 2 CFR Appendix A to Part 170.
- **System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements, Article 18.** This article has been revised in accordance with 2 CFR Appendix A to Part 25.
- **Termination and Enforcement, Article 38.** Consistent with 2 CFR §200.340, this article has been updated to emphasize the ability of NSF to terminate awards, to the greatest extent authorized by law, when the award no longer effectuates the program goals or NSF priorities.

Clarifications and Other Changes

- **Overall Document.** Throughout the document, websites and references have been updated for consistency with 2 CFR §200 to reflect current information. References to Uniform Guidance Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) have been removed until such time as revised FAQs become available.
- **Indirect Costs, Article 11.** This article has been updated to include coverage for IHEs regarding the use of the negotiated F&A rate that is in effect at the time of the initial award throughout the life of the grant. The article also has been updated with information on publication and printing costs. Such costs must be charged in accordance with 2 CFR §200.461, unless otherwise specified in the award notice.
- **Federal Tax Obligations, Article 20.** This article has been updated to reference the *Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020*.
- **Equipment, Article 25.** This article has been updated to reflect that the annual and final inventory reports for Federally-owned Property should be submitted to the NSF Property Administrator, Division of Administrative Services (DAS), using the NSF Central Property Inventory Repository (CPIR) system.
- **Program Income, Article 30.** This article has been updated to state that the grantee is not accountable to NSF with respect to program income earned from license fees and royalties for copyrighted material, patents, patent applications, trademarks and inventions made under a Federal Award to which 37 CFR part 401 is applicable.
- **Micro-purchase and Simplified Acquisition Thresholds, formerly Article 35.** The former article titled “Micro-purchase and Simplified Acquisition Thresholds” was deleted as the coverage is now addressed in the updated version of 2 CFR §200.
- **Resolution of Conflicting Conditions, Article 40.** This article has been updated to clarify which requirements must be followed if there is any inconsistency between 2 CFR §200, the *Research Terms and Conditions* and these agency specific requirements, the PAPPG, and any cited program solicitation.