



## **REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS (CA-FATC) EFFECTIVE May 20, 2024**

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Effective May 20, 2024, new NSF cooperative agreements and funding amendments to existing NSF cooperative agreements will begin referencing, and are subject to, the [Cooperative Agreement Financial and Administrative Terms and Conditions](#) (CA-FATC) dated 05/20/24<sup>1</sup>.

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](mailto:policy@nsf.gov).

### **Summary of Changes**

#### **Overall Document**

- Editorial changes have been made throughout to either clarify or enhance the intended meaning of a sentence or section.
- Website and document references have been updated to reflect current information.
- Updates have been made to ensure consistency with guidance and terminology contained in other NSF or Federal policy documents.
- Article numbering has been updated to reflect the addition of several new articles.

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise specified.

## **By-Article Changes**

- **Format, Content and Timing of Required Reports, Article 15.** This article has been supplemented with certification requirements provided by the PI or co-PI in annual and final annual project reports, including an annual certification that each postdoctoral scholar and graduate student who receives substantial NSF support must have an individual development plan. The article also incorporates the new institutional annual reporting requirement mandated by Section 10339B, “*Foreign Financial Support*”, of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. § 19040). This report must be submitted by July 31 of each calendar year.
- **Safe and Inclusive Working Environments for Off-Campus or Off-Site Research, Article 19.** This article has been supplemented with language to address postaward requirements associated with the plan for safe and inclusive working environments.
- **Publications, Article 29.** The guidance in this article has been updated to align with the NSF Policy on Brand Standards and the NSF Brand Standards Manual.
- **Notification Requirements Regarding Sexual Harassment, Other Forms of Harassment, or Sexual Assault, Article 51.** Updates were made to this article to improve clarity of language and NSF’s expectations.
- **Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program Certification, Article 55.** This new article addresses Section 10632 of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. § 19232). Each PI and co-PI identified on a proposal submitted or due on or after May 20, 2024, that results in an award, must certify annually in Research.gov, for the duration of the award that such individual is not a party to a malign foreign talent recruitment program. These certifications do not apply retroactively to proposals submitted prior to May 20, 2024.
- **Postaward Additions of Postdoctoral Scholars or Graduate Students, Article 56.** Requirements associated with postaward additions of postdoctoral scholars or graduate students are addressed in this new article.
- **Individual Development Plans for Postdoctoral Scholars and Graduate Students, Article 57.** This new article implements the Section 10313 (42 U.S.C. § 18993) of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 requirement that each postdoctoral scholar and graduate student who receives substantial NSF support must have an individual development plan.