



REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS (CA-FATC)

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 5, 2020

Effective October 5, 2020, 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 10/05/20.

Unless otherwise noted in a specific article, the *Cooperative Agreement Financial and Administrative Terms and Conditions* apply to all new NSF cooperative agreements and funding increments to existing NSF cooperative agreements awarded on or after October 5, 2020.

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 Change

- **Post-award Disclosure of Current Support and In-Kind Contribution Information, Article 48.** This entirely new article establishes a post-award disclosure requirement of undisclosed current support and in-kind contribution information. If an organization discovers that a PI or co-PI on an active NSF award failed to disclose current support or in-kind contribution information as part of the proposal submission process, the AOR must submit the information outlined in the article within 30 calendar days of the identification of the undisclosed current support or in-kind contribution.

Clarifications and Other Changes

- **Overall Document.** Throughout the document, websites and references have been updated for consistency with the *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide* and to reflect current information.
- **Equipment, Article 6.** This article has been revised to apply to all NSF awardees and connects the title to the property in trust requirement, consistent with 2 CFR § 200.316.
- **Project Changes, Article 8.** Language has been added to the article reminding awardees of their responsibilities regarding retention of subrecipient documentation.

- **Allowable Costs, Article 12.** This article has been updated to communicate NSF expectations around application of indirect cost rates at the time of award and the ability for entities that are not institutions of higher education to use new Federal rates approved during the award period.
- **Non-Discrimination Statutes, Article 35.** References regarding providing Nondiscrimination Certifications have been removed now that government-wide representations and certifications, including Nondiscrimination Certifications, are provided in the System for Award Management.
- **Notification Requirements Regarding Sexual Harassment, Other Forms of Harassment, or Sexual Assault, Article 47.** Awardees are reminded of the requirement to obtain NSF prior approval if an investigator will be disengaged from a project for more than three months.
- **Partnerships with Foreign Collaborators, Article 57.** This article has been updated to clarify that awardees shall provide written notification to NSF prior to entering into formal arrangements with foreign collaborators, to ensure NSF has advanced knowledge of such collaborations.