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New Requirements for Current & Pending Support Forms and Biographical Sketches for National Science Foundation Proposals

Introduction

Beginning October 5, 2020, the National Science Foundation implemented additional requirements for the Current and Pending Support form (See [Dear Colleague Letter: Research Protection, NSF 19-200](#)). This has been done as a way to balance NSF's commitment to the scientific values of openness, transparency, and merit-based competition with emerging risks that are seen when other governments, without this same commitment to upholding these values and benefitting by excluding others from the research enterprise. NSF will accomplish this through requirements for greater disclosure and transparency of research support in both the NSF Current and Pending Support form, and the NSF Biographical Sketch.

Current and Pending Support

In particular, *NSF has expanded its definition of "support" including all sources of support, both monetary, and non-monetary, and internal, and external, for your research.* This includes things such as:

- internal EMU awards like an SRA or and FRF;
- outside research related employment like consulting, or a paid summer appointment at another institution like that obtained through a foreign government's talent recruitment program, or a paid adjunct position at another domestic institution;
- non-paid appointments where facilities or equipment, are being provided; or
- any other arrangements where resources are provided in-kind in support of your research.

The submission of Current and Pending Support information is required for the PI, all Co-PIs, and anyone listed as Senior Personnel on the proposal. ***Please take your time and disclose complete and accurate information.***

Information must be included for the project being presented in the proposal, all ongoing projects, and for any other proposal under consideration regardless of whether the support is provided through EMU, or directly to the individual.

NSF requires that the total award amount for the entire award period, inclusive of indirect costs, as well as, the number of person-months per year devoted to the project be included in the C&P. Two [formats are allowed: 1\) the NSF provided Fillable PDF; 2\) A SciENcv generated Current & Pending Support form.](#)

[SciENcv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#): Not only can SciENcv be used to generate an NSF-compliant Current and Pending Support form, but SciENcv can also be used to generate and NSF-compliant BioSketch (see new requirements below). This site is hosted by NIH with NSF as a collaborating partner.

See [Chapter II, C.h. II Section C.2.h.](#) of the NSF Proposal and Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG 20-1) for complete information about the Current and Pending Support requirements.

Biographical Sketches

The PI, Co-PIs, and any member listed as Senior Personnel must each provide an NSF-compliant Biographical Sketch (Biosketch) that does not exceed two pages. An NSF-compliant Biosketch must provide all the required information as detailed in [Chapter II, Section C.2.f\(i\)\(a\)-\(d\)](#) of the PAPPG 20-1).

In the Biosketch, the PI, Co-PIs, and all Senior Personnel are **required to list “all the individual’s academic, profession, or institutional appointments, beginning with the current appointment.” This includes any, and all current domestic or foreign professional appointments held outside of the individual’s current academic appointment at the proposing organization.**

Again, like the Current and Pending Support form, NSF provides two allowable formats for Biosketches: [1\) the NSF provided Fillable PDF](#); or [2\) A SciENcv generated Current & Pending Support form](#).

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[SciENcv](#) is a profile system that can be used by all individuals who are involved in the application and receipt of federal research grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts. It is designed to help researchers assemble information needed to participate in federally funded research. Benefits of using SciENcv include eliminating the need to repeatedly create, or update, biosketches. SciENcv is available to all researchers. With SciENcv all profile data is owned by the researcher, and researchers have ultimate control over what data is public and what data is included in the biosketch.