

New Procedures for NSF Current & Pending:

What is required? Effective for proposals submitted or due on or after October 5, 2020, NSF will require the use of an approved format for both the biographical sketch and the current and pending support documents. NSF has partnered with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to implement the [SciENCv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#) as one of the NSF-approved formats for preparation of both documents. NSF has also released a fillable pdf as the other approved format.

No other formats will be accepted by NSF.

Additionally, NSF is now requiring the reporting of In-Kind Contributions (such as office/laboratory space, equipment, supplies, employees, students). This information is not available to SPS and must be provided by the investigator.

What is changing? Support provided by SPS Pre-Award for preparation of the current and pending support document will be impacted. NSF will no longer accept the reports generated by our system. While the past formats have allowed SPS to provide the service of preparing the current and pending, the new formats and content requirements will require preparation by the investigators.

Pre-Award Support: Pre-Award will continue to provide the excel document with a list of all current awards and pending proposals as identifiable in the SPS system to assist investigators with compiling the information. Investigators will be responsible for completing their current and pending in one of the approved formats.

SciENCv: SPS recommends investigators utilize [SciENCv](#) for the preparation of their current and pending support document due to the flexibility this system provides in formatting and its availability for use and ease of modification for future submissions. The alternative is to use the NSF fillable pdf which has a number of limitations (does not allow for deletion of projects, limited to 10 current/pending projects, etc.). The NSF fillable pdf should be considered for one-time use only.

Purdue University Libraries staff are available to assist investigators with creating their SciENCv accounts if needed. researchdata@purdue.edu.

Critical Information: Fastlane/Research.gov will not accept a current and pending document that is not in an approved format. Pre-Award will be stopped from submitting by the system if one of these documents is not in an approved format. If the fillable pdf is used, it must not be altered by printing to pdf as this will take it out of the approved format. Investigators are encouraged to submit documents to Pre-Award early to avoid a missed submission.

NSF Resources: NSF has developed websites with additional information for the preparation of the [biographical sketch](#) and [current and pending support](#).