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## 1 SAM.GOV REGISTRATION RENEWAL

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The SAM.gov registration for Yale (DUNS 043207562; Cage Code 4B992) has been renewed and is now active through September 24, 2021.

## 2 DISCLOSURE GUIDANCE – UPDATE

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NIH and NSF disclosure guidance FAQs have been updated.

<https://your.yale.edu/research-support/office-research-administration/resources-and-information/safeguards-international>

## 3 IRES PT QUICK GUIDE: HOW TO FIND AWARD SETUP STATUS

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Learn tips to check the status of your award setup with the new quick guide titled [How to Find Award Setup Status](#). This guide explains how to track the progress of an award setup by using information found in the Communications, Agreements, Attachments tabs, and the Activity Log. The new guide can be found on the [OSP Resources website](#).

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## 4 WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND: Q&A

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Have a question about managing an award? We will answer your questions during the **What's on Your Mind Q&A** portion of the October 14<sup>th</sup> Brown Bag meeting. If the question is specific to your department, then we will forward it to one of our OSP SMEs (subject matter experts).

Submit questions to: [osp.trainings@yale.edu](mailto:osp.trainings@yale.edu). *The deadline for submitting questions is 5:00pm, Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.*

## 5 OSP TRAINING

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### Upcoming Classes: Zoom Instructor-Led Training (ILT)

Registrations are open for the following Zoom classes (*VPN required*):

- October 6, 7, 8, 9: [Introduction to Sponsored Projects Administration](#)  
*SPA registration closes tomorrow, 10/2*
- October 20: [Clinical Trial Budgeting](#)
- October 22: [Fly America Act and Open Skies Agreement](#)

### Online self-paced learning

The following OSP training courses are available online. If you have any questions after completing the course email [ops.trainings@yale.edu](mailto:ops.trainings@yale.edu) and we'll forward your question to the appropriate subject matter expert.

- [Allocating Allowable Costs - Online](#)
- [Cost Transfer Principles - Online](#) - this course is in the process of being updated to reflect recent University policy changes. We will let you know when this course is back online in an upcoming OSP News & Updates email.
- [Direct Charging of F&A Type Costs on Sponsored Awards - Online](#)
- [IRES Proposal Tracking \(PT\) Overview - Online](#)
- [Subrecipient Basics and Monitoring - Online](#)
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## 6 NSF UPDATES:

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### 6.1 ISSUANCE OF IMPORTANT NOTICE (IN) 147, RESEARCH.GOV IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

NSF posted Important Notice (IN) 147, [Research.gov Implementation Update](#), dated September 22, 2020, to the NSF website.

### 6.2 RESEARCH PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT (RPPR) – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 5

**Released by NSF on September 29, 2020:**

Effective October 5, 2020, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will enhance the Project Reporting System in Research.gov to implement the revised Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR). The RPPR is a uniform format for reporting performance progress on Federally funded research projects and research related activities. NSF awardees use the RPPR to prepare and submit annual and final project reports to NSF. Further details about the RPPR can be found on the Research.gov [About Project Reports website](#).

#### **New Question for Project Reports with Active Other Support Changes**

- On October 5, 2020, NSF will add the following new question to the Edit Participants screen: *Has there been a change in the active other support of the PI/PD(s) since the last reporting period?* If Principal Investigators (PIs)/Project Directors (PDs) and co-PIs/co-PDs select “Yes,” they will be required to upload their most up-to-date Current and Pending Support document in an NSF-approved format to notify NSF that active other support has changed since the award was made or since the most recent annual report.
- Current and Pending Support documents not in an NSF-approved format will trigger a compliance error preventing document upload and submission of the annual or final project report.
- The NSF-approved formats for Current and Pending Support are [SciENCv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#) and an [NSF fillable PDF](#).
- The NSF [Current and Pending Support](#) website includes additional information as well as links to system-related Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for both NSF-approved formats. A set of policy-related [FAQs related to current and pending support](#) is also available.
- The complete lists of FastLane and Research.gov automated proposal compliance checks effective October 5, 2020, are available on the [Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals website](#).

#### **Additional New Questions from the Revised RPPR**

Beginning October 5, 2020, NSF will also add the following three questions to the "Impact" and "Changes/Problems" tabs:

- What was the impact on teaching and educational experiences? (*Impact tab*);

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- What percentage of the award's budget was spent in a foreign country? (*Impact tab*); and
- Has there been a change in primary performance site location from that originally proposed? (*Changes/Problems tab*).

## NSF-specific Updates

- NSF-specific help text updates have been added throughout, and NSF-specific instructions have been clarified or enhanced.
- To reduce administrative burden, NSF has consolidated data entry fields where possible.

## Current and Pending Support Format Training Resources

To learn more about the NSF-approved formats for Current and Pending Support, please view the [NSF PAPPG \(NSF 20-1\) webinar](#) and [NSF-Approved Formats for the Biographical Sketch & Current and Pending Support Sections of NSF Proposals webinar](#).

SciENcv has created the following materials to guide the community through the preparation of the NSF Current and Pending Support document in SciENcv:

- [NSF Current and Pending Support Video Tutorial](#)
- [NSF-specific Bookshelf Resource](#) (includes screenshots and step-by-step instructions)

**Questions?** Policy-related questions should be directed to [policy@nsf.gov](mailto:policy@nsf.gov). If you have IT system-related or technical questions regarding the NSF-approved formats or the Research.gov Project Reporting System, please contact the NSF Help Desk at 1-800-381-1532 (7:00 AM - 9:00 PM ET; Monday - Friday except federal holidays) or via [rgov@nsf.gov](mailto:rgov@nsf.gov).

## 6.3 SCIENCv-GENERATED BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH AND CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

### From NSF Business Applications 9/28/20:

If you have been identified as having generated (i.e., downloaded) an NSF Biographical Sketch or Current and Pending Support document in [SciENcv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#) during the period from September 9, 2020 through September 17, 2020, please note the following:

A SciENcv technical issue was identified that may have affected the formatting (i.e., margin size and/or font size) of documents generated during this timeframe, resulting in non-compliance with [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide](#) (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1) proposal formatting requirements. Please be aware that the SciENcv technical issue is now fixed, and documents generated in SciENcv prior to September 9, 2020 and after September 17, 2020, are compliant with PAPPG proposal formatting requirements.

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Here's what you need to know and do:

- **Submitted Proposals:** If you generated a Biographical Sketch or Current and Pending Support document in SciENcv between September 9 and September 17 and included it in an NSF proposal that was subsequently submitted, no action is required. We have informed NSF Program Officers of this issue to prevent proposals from being returned without review due to these potentially non-compliant Biographical Sketch or Current and Pending Support documents.
- **In Progress Proposals:** If you generated a Biographical Sketch or Current and Pending Support document in SciENcv between September 9 and September 17 and uploaded this document to an NSF proposal that is still in progress, you **must** download a new version of the document from SciENcv and replace it in your in-progress proposal prior to proposal submission to ensure full compliance with PAPPG proposal formatting requirements.

We apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions about this email, please do not hesitate to contact [policy@nsf.gov](mailto:policy@nsf.gov). IT system-related or technical questions should be directed to the NSF Help Desk at 1-800-673-6188 (7:00 AM - 9:00 PM ET; Monday - Friday except federal holidays) or via [fastlane@nsf.gov](mailto:fastlane@nsf.gov).

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