BIO-wide Virtual Office Hours

Migration to Research.gov

October 19-22, 2020

Welcome to the BIO Virtual Office Hour.

We will begin soon.

Please submit questions via the Q&A button available to you on ZOOM. Please set to "Send anonymously"

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Today's Topic: Migration of BIO "no-deadline" solicitations to Research.gov and preparing and submitting proposals via the new system

- Brief Discussion of Migration, Research.gov Proposal Submission System, and Impact on Community
- Question and Answer Period as Well as Time for Comments

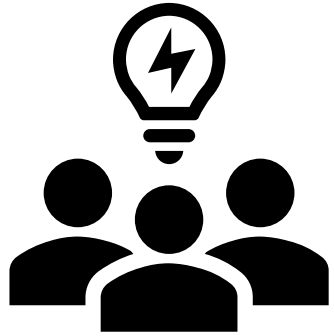
Why is NSF Modernizing Proposal Preparation?

Problem Statement

- FastLane is limited by outdated technology to add requested features for reducing administrative burden, and the user interface does not conform to modern industry standards

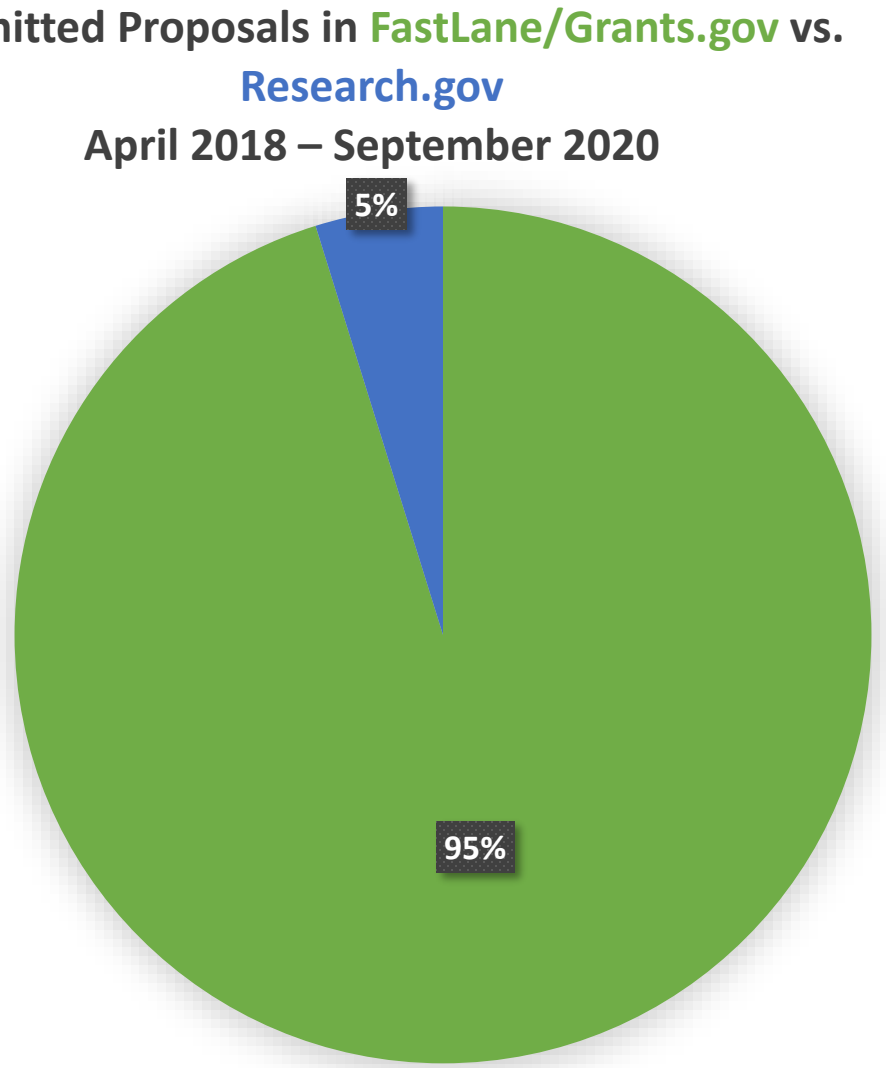
Solutions

- Create an easy-to-use, intuitive system using modern industry standards
- Build a flexible platform to enable current and future improved business processes and user experiences (e.g., data pre-population)
- Expand compliance checking



All of this is available with Research.gov

Research.gov and BIO Proposals by the Numbers



BIO Migration to Research.gov: Timeline

September

- Migration Announced in Important Notice No. 147 and Dear Colleague Letter (NSF 20-129)
- New solicitations published for impacted programs

Now

- Submissions can be made in both Research.gov and FastLane

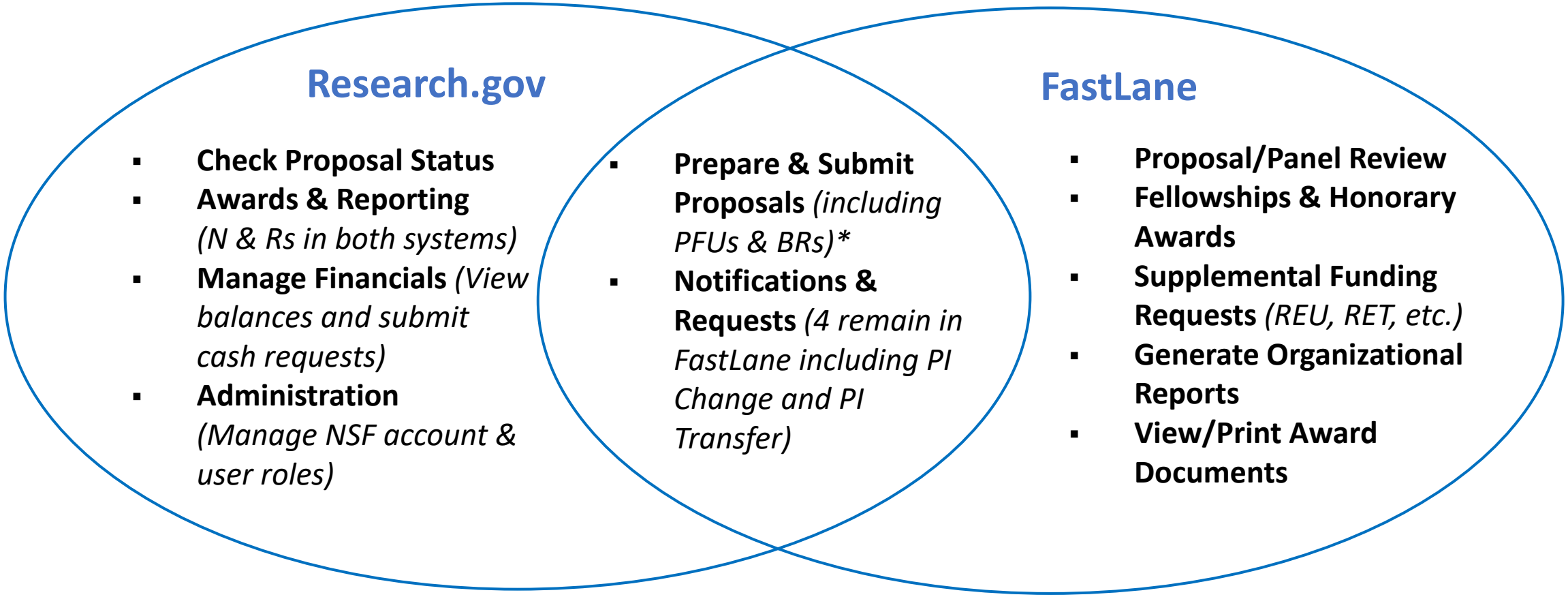
Early January

- 90 days after they were published, solicitations for impacted programs will be removed from FastLane and new proposals will only be allowed through Research.gov (or Grants.gov)

Over time

- Incremental migration of all NSF solicitations to Research.gov

Research.gov and FastLane Functionality



Notes: (1) Not all proposal types and submission types are available yet in Research.gov.
(2) Grants.gov is also an option for proposal preparation and submission.

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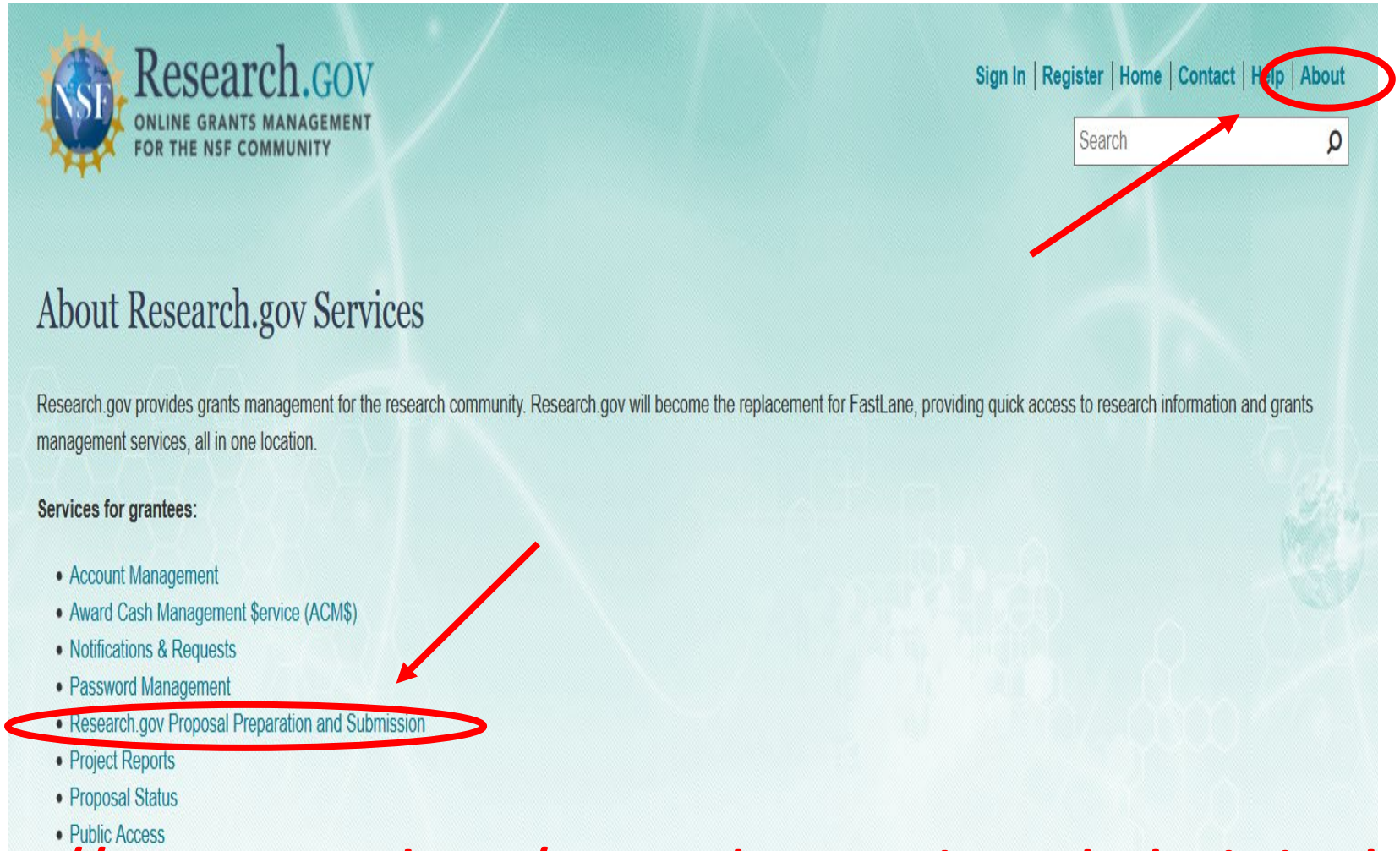
Advantages for Principal Investigators and Research Administrators

- Improved user experience through intuitive and dynamic interfaces that provide only relevant proposal preparation options
- Immediate feedback within each proposal section and for each document upload rather than at proposal submission in FastLane
- Faster document uploads (a few seconds versus 30-90 seconds for each document upload in FastLane)
- Expanded automated compliance checking utilizing errors (preventing proposal submission) and warnings (allowing proposal submission)
- Higher quality proposal submissions (e.g., PDF uploads are not altered like in FastLane)
- Avoidance of Return without Reviews due to proposal formatting issues

No impact on the merit review process!

Technical Assistance



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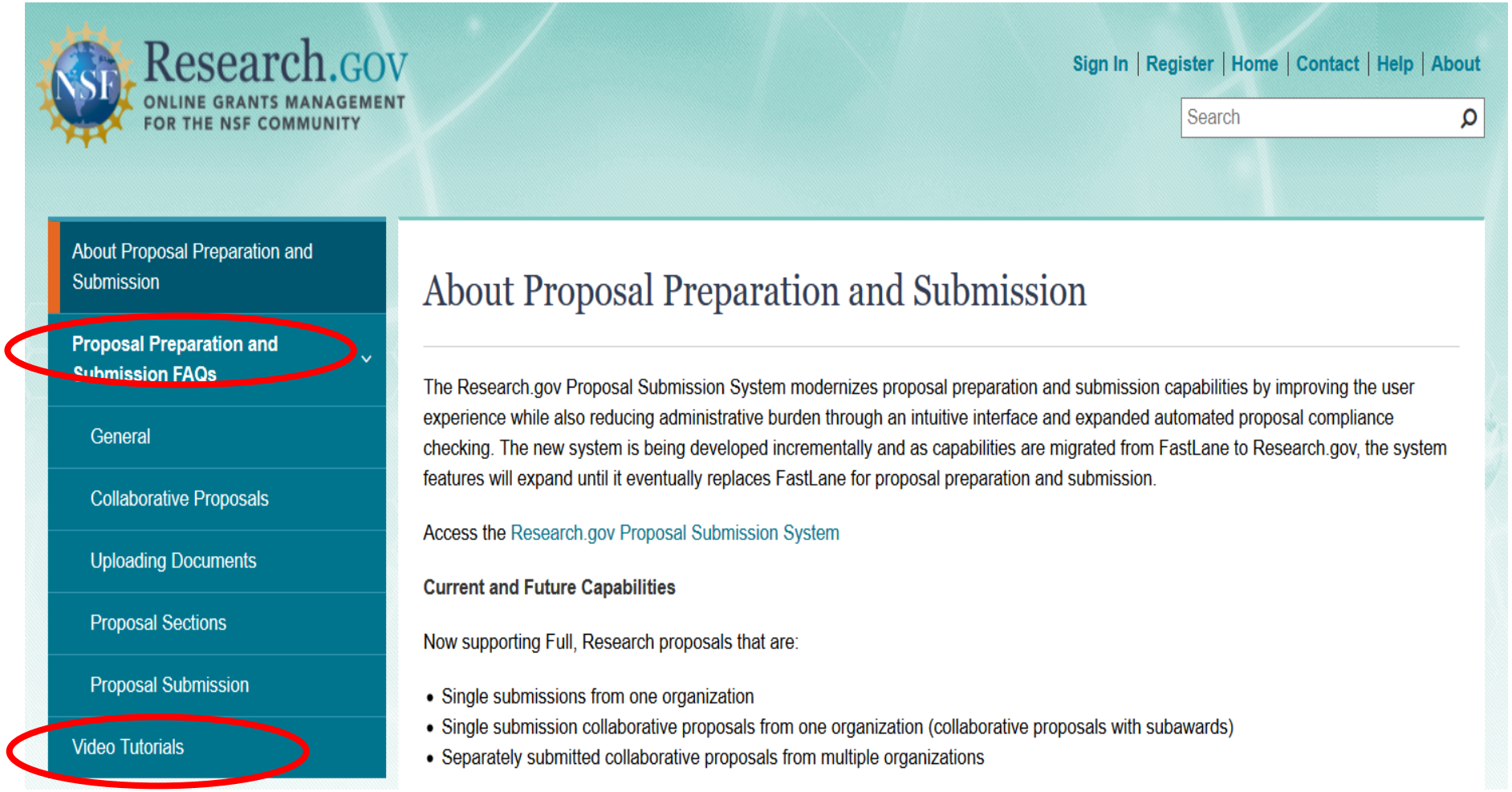

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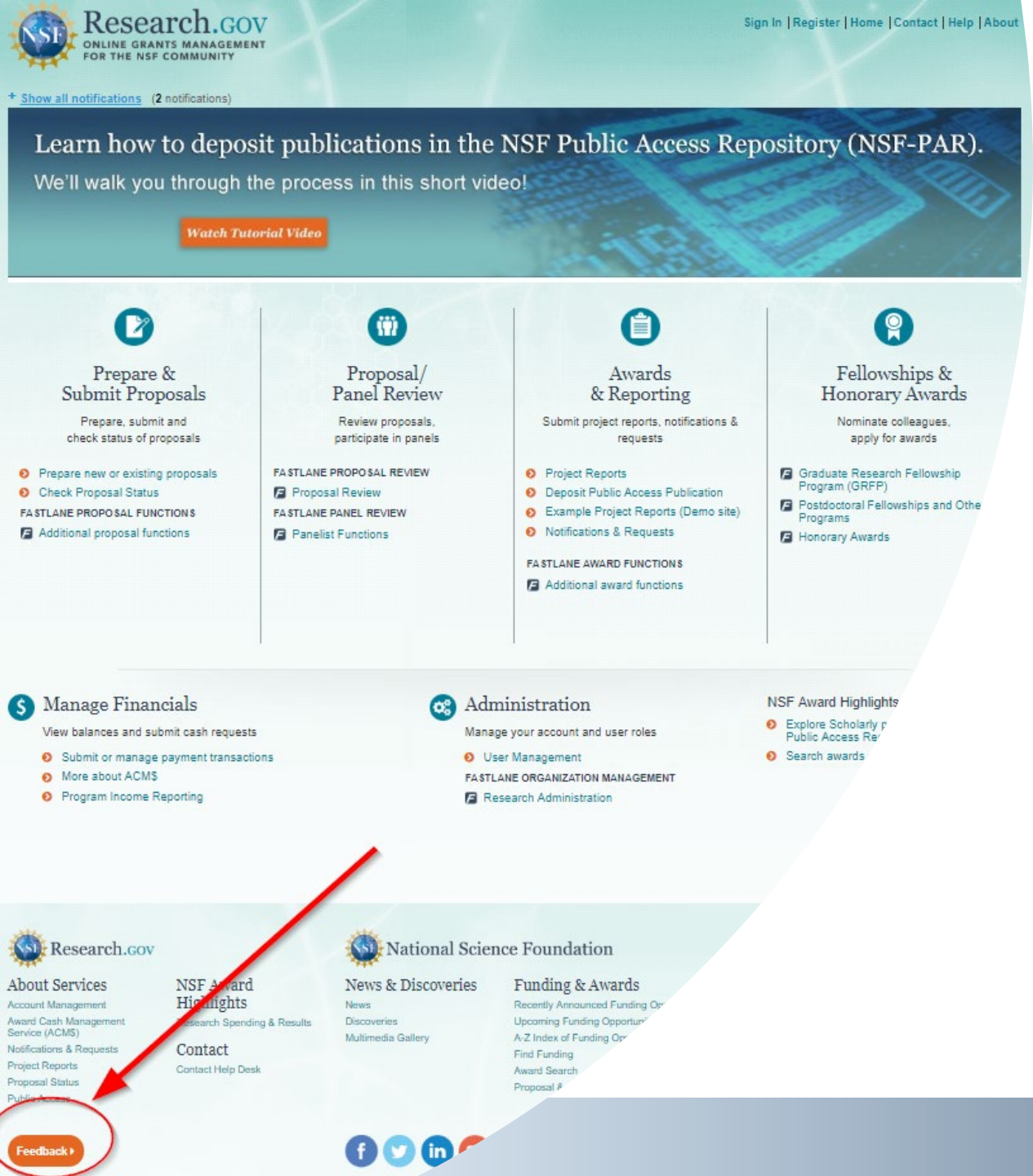
Technical Assistance

NSF Help Desk

1-800-381-1532 (7:00 AM - 9:00 PM ET; Monday - Friday except federal holidays)

rgov@nsf.gov

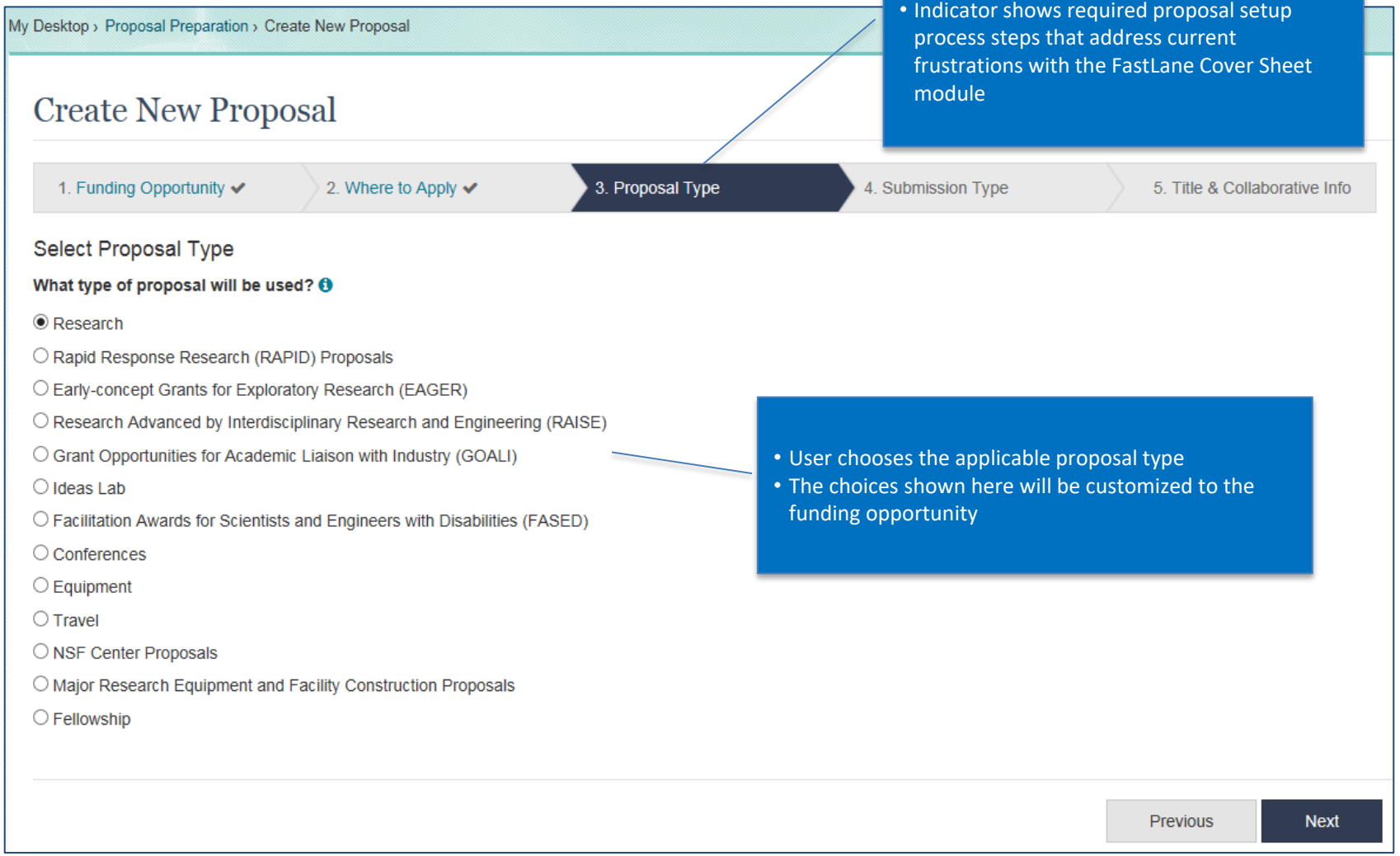
Policy-related questions should be directed to policy@nsf.gov.



Providing Feedback

- Influence the future of proposal submission
- Help NSF build Research.gov
- Feedback may be submitted on the Research.gov Feedback page (select "Proposal Preparation & Submission" under the Site Area dropdown menu)

Creating a New Proposal



- Indicator shows required proposal setup process steps that address current frustrations with the FastLane Cover Sheet module

- User chooses the applicable proposal type
- The choices shown here will be customized to the funding opportunity

Main Proposal Page

Proposal Title: Collaborative Research: TEST TEST

Funding Opportunity: NSF 20-1 - Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide - PAPPG

Where to Apply: Direct For Social, Behav & Economic Scie (SBE) - Divn Of Social and Economic Sciences (SES), FM-Future Manufacturing

Proposal Type: Research

Submission Type: Full Proposal

Collaborative Type: Separately submitted by multiple organizations (Lead proposal)

Due Date: Accepted Anytime

Date Types

- Inline edit of the title
- Quick view and access to the due date of the proposal
- Add and Remove Co-PIs, Senior Personnel, and OAUs
- Quick access to link collaborative proposals
- Required and optional sections are driven dynamically based on the funding opportunity selected
- Conditionally required sections become required after corresponding data is input

Proposal Actions

- Share Proposal with SPO/AOR
- Manage Personnel and Subaward Organizations
- Link/View Collaborative Proposals
- Print Proposal
- Delete Proposal

Proposal Details

Proposal Status:
Not Shared with SPO/AOR

Helpful Links

View submitted proposals

Proposal and Award Policies and

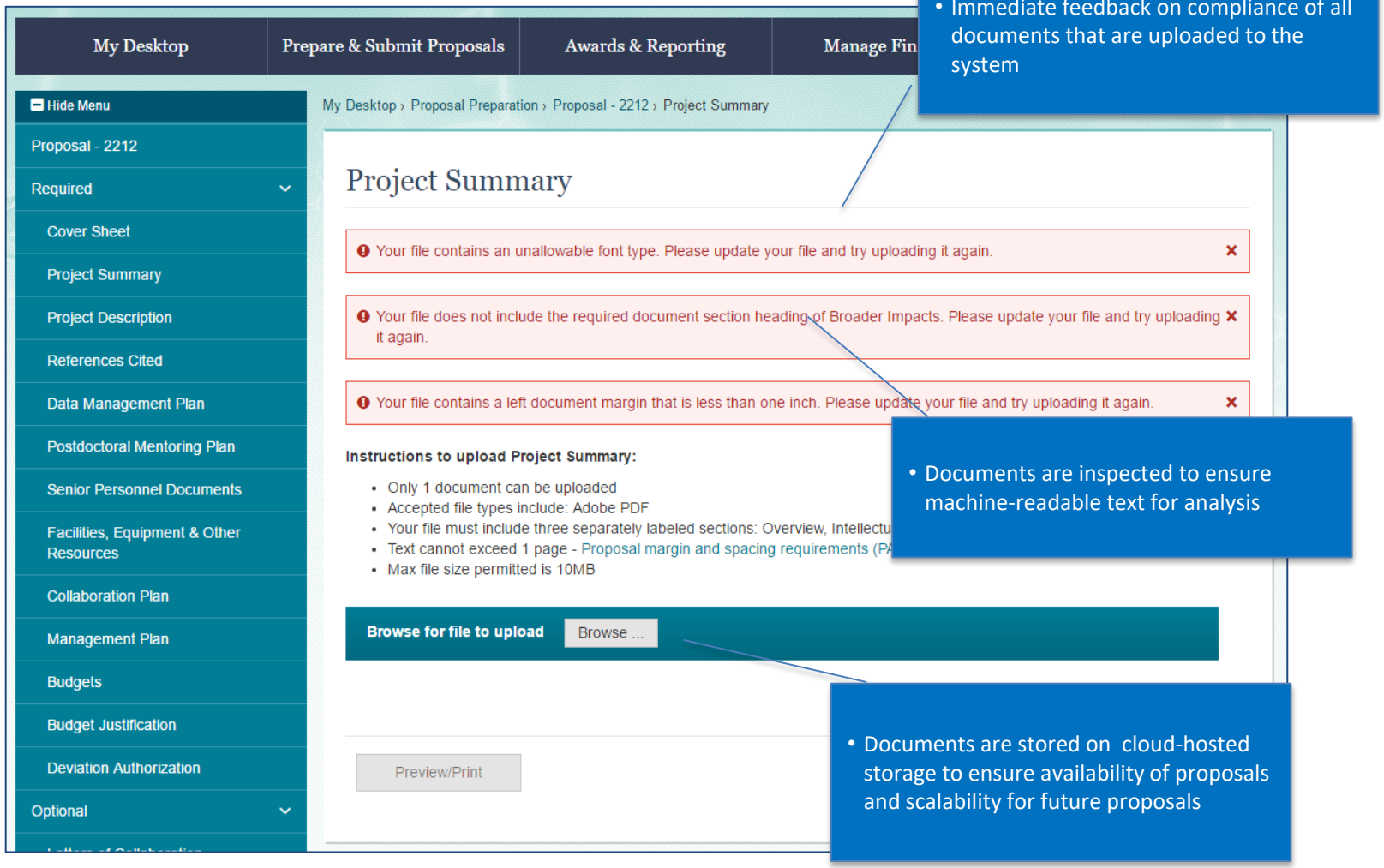
Proposal Sections	Last Updated	Compliance Status [Key]
Required		
Cover Sheet		Form not chec
Project Summary		Document una
Project Description		Document una
References Cited		Document unavailable for check
Budget(s)	10/20/2020 9:36 AM EDT	No issue(s) found
Budget Justification(s)		Document unavailable
Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources		Document unavailable
Senior Personnel Documents		ble for check
Data Management Plan		for check
Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan *Conditionally required*		for check
Optional		
Other Personnel Biographical Information		for check
Other Supplementary Documents		Document unavailable for check

Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan Conditions

A one-page Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan is required in the lead organization's proposal when funding for postdoctoral scholars is requested in Section B of the budget of any collaborating organization.

Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan (PAPPG)

Document Upload and Compliance Error/Warning Messages



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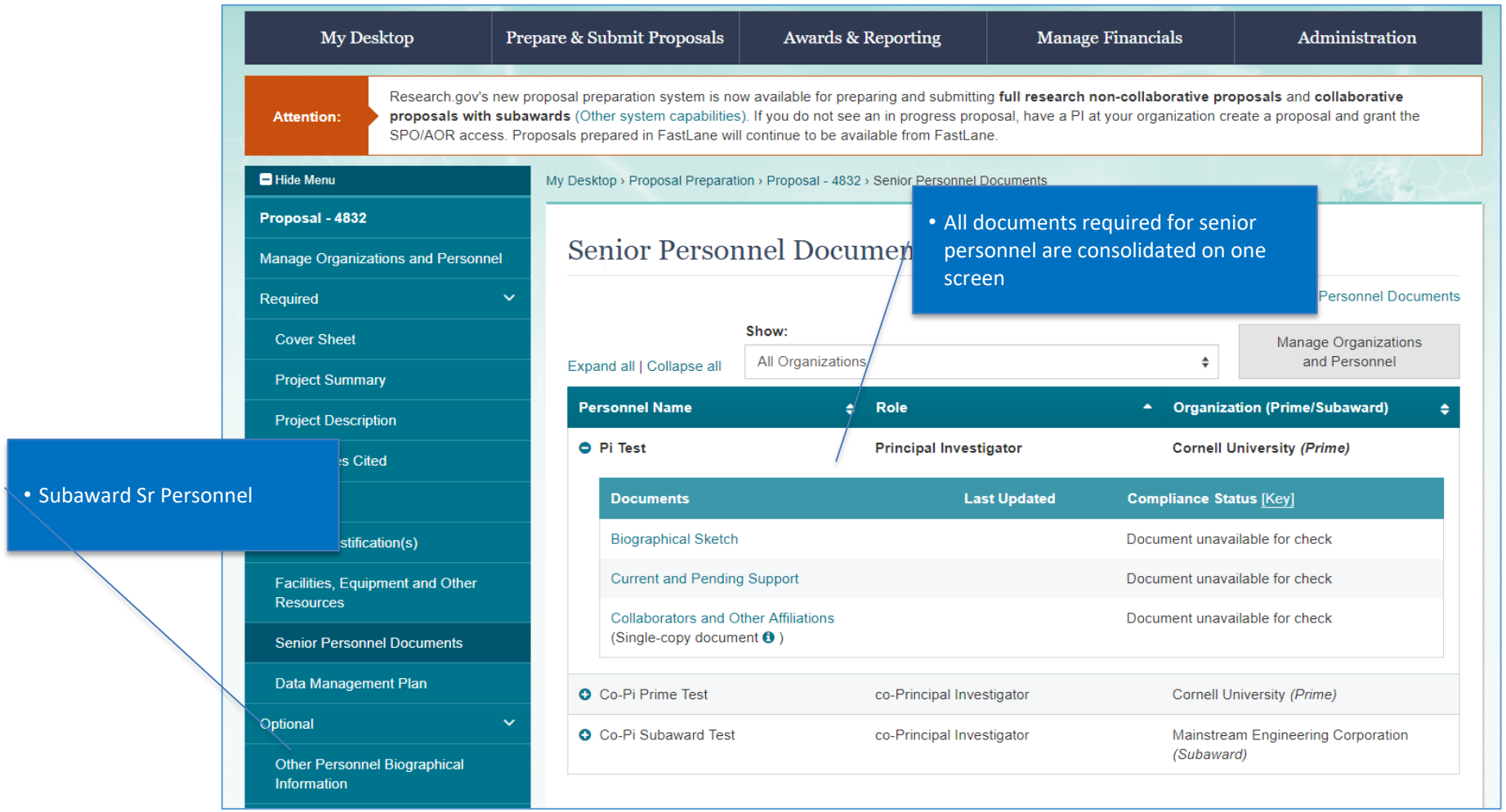
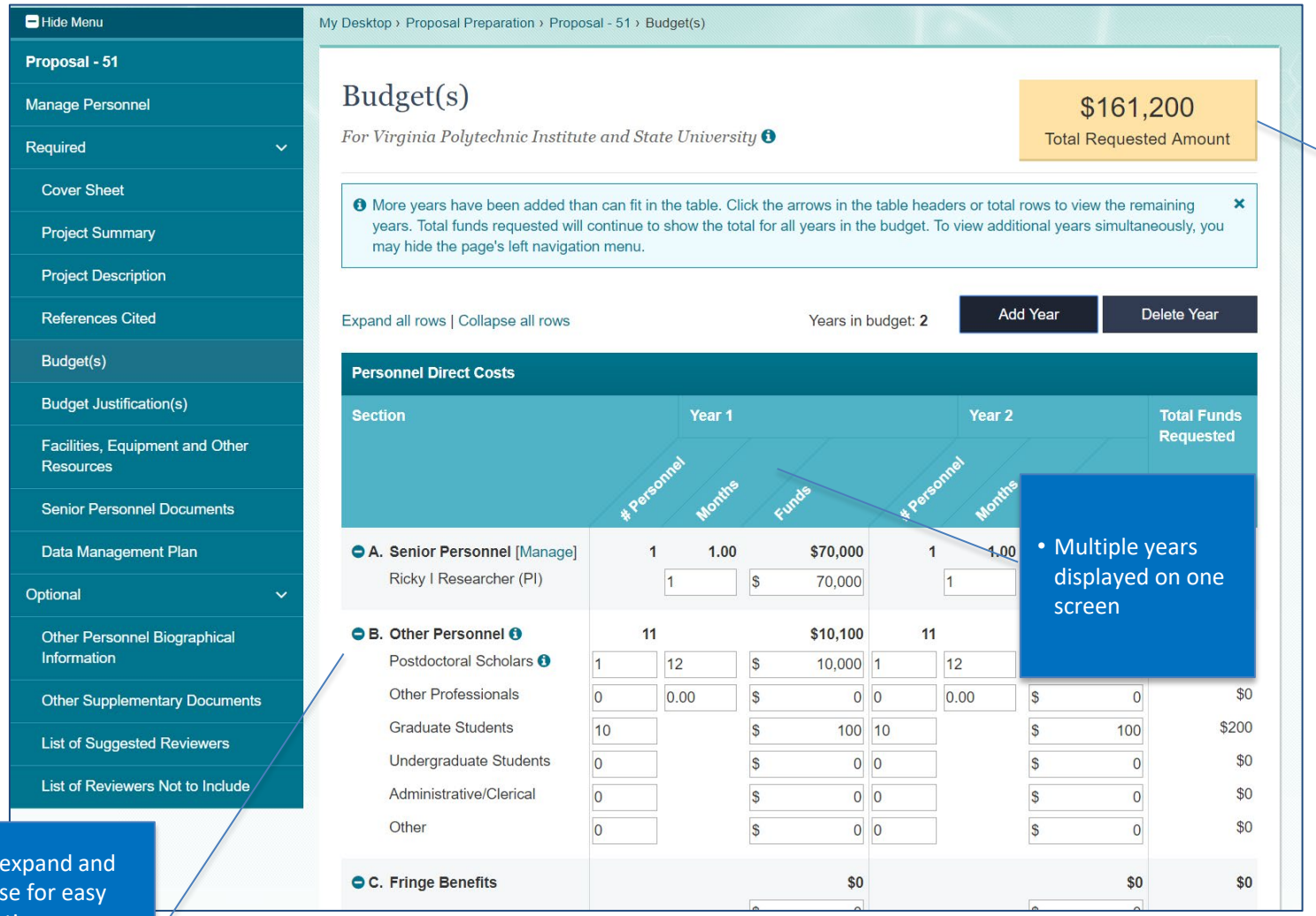
Senior Personnel Documents



Budget



- All totals are dynamically summed and the total amount is placed on the Cover Sheet
- Multiple years displayed on one screen
- Rows expand and collapse for easy navigation

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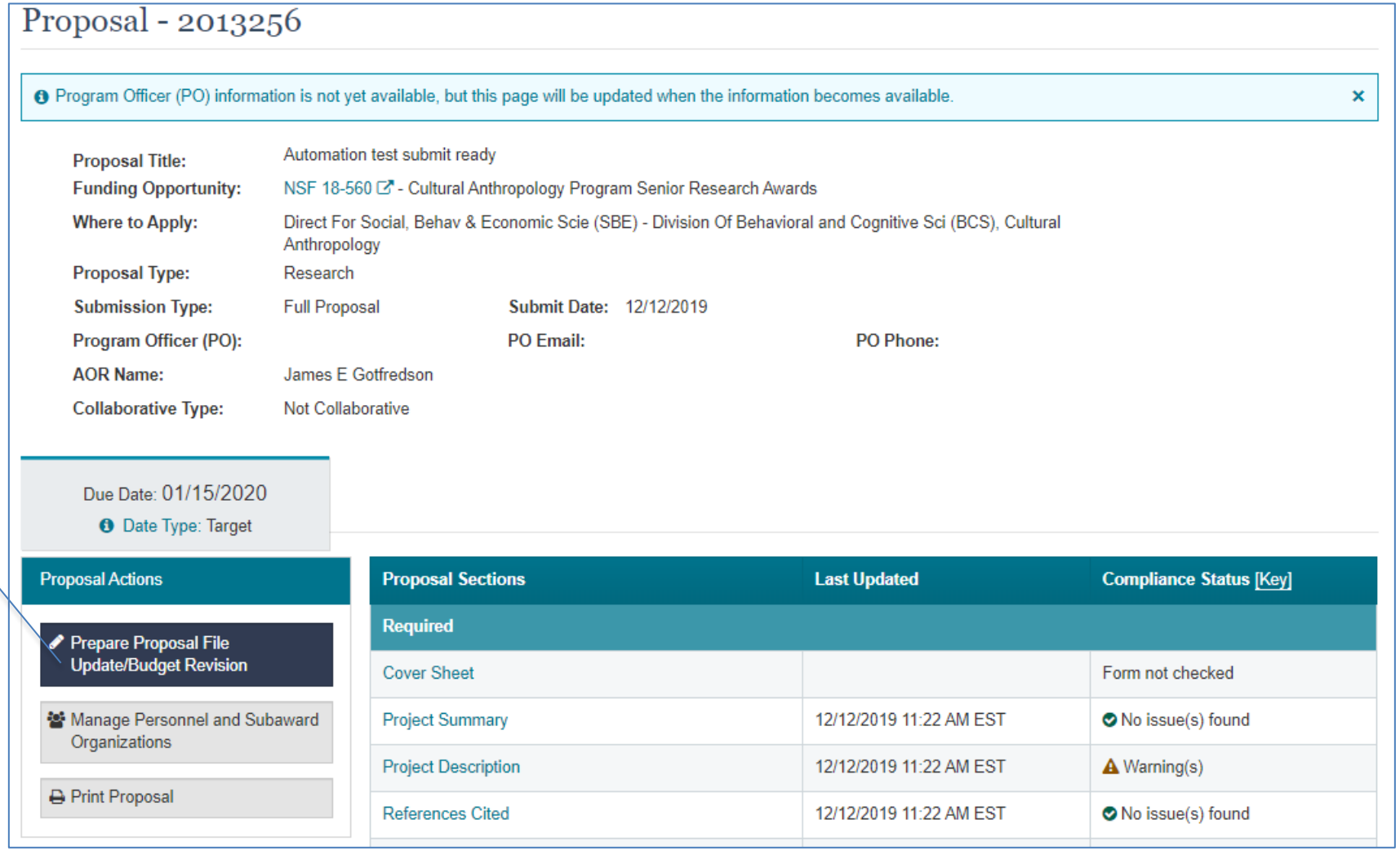
Proposal File Update

- Prepare Proposal File/Budget Revision



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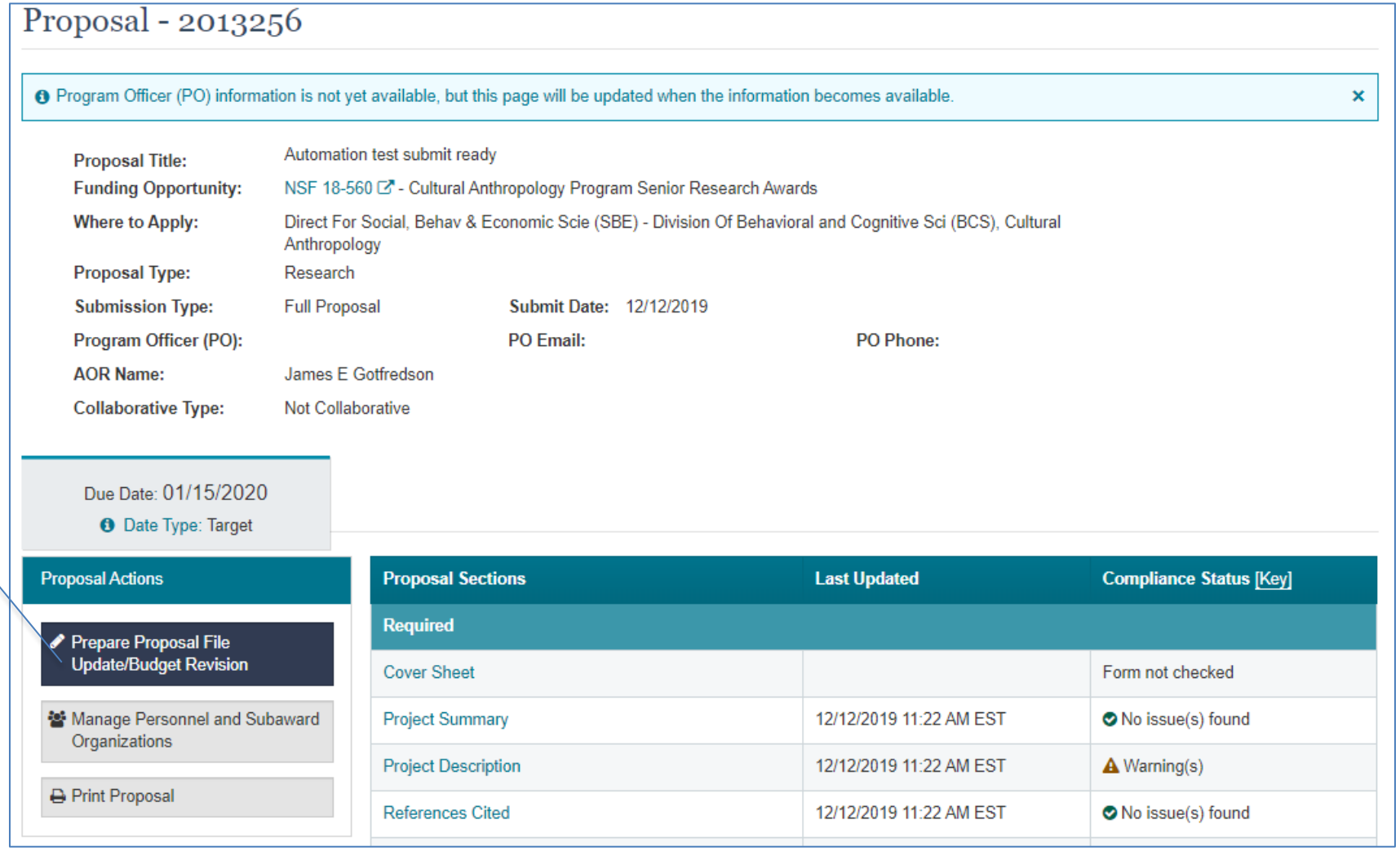

Informational Resources for the Community

- Listserv to receive updates on Research.gov and FastLane. Sign up by sending a blank email to: system_updates-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov
- Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals webpage
- Redesigned Research.gov About Proposal Preparation and Submission webpage with new and updated FAQs organized by topic and links to video tutorials
- Research.gov About Account Management webpage
- NSF Electronic Research Administration (ERA) Forum webpage
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