

Grants.gov Proposal Processing in Research.gov

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U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) proposals submitted via Grants.gov must pass through multiple checks before they are processed in Research.gov. Grants.gov proposals must pass all NSF pre-check and post-check validations in order to be accepted by Research.gov at NSF.

When submitting via Grants.gov, NSF strongly recommends applicants initiate proposal submission at least five business days in advance of a deadline to allow adequate time to address NSF compliance errors and resubmissions by 5:00 p.m. submitter's local time on the deadline. Please note, some errors cannot be corrected in Grants.gov. Once a proposal passes pre-checks but fails any post-check, an applicant can only correct and submit their in-progress proposal in Research.gov. There is no grace period for Grants.gov proposals and receiving a Grants.gov Agency Tracking Number does not mean the proposal was successfully accepted by NSF.

Research.gov Pre-check and Post-check Validations

- **Pre-check Validations:** The list of Grants.gov proposal **pre-check validations** is posted on the NSF.gov [Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals](#) page. Proposal corrections must be made in the source system (Grants.gov or System-to-System) and then **resubmitted in Grants.gov**.



- **Post-check Validations:** The **post-check validations** include the Research.gov automated compliance checks for the full proposal submission type posted on the NSF.gov [Automated Compliance Checking of NSF Proposals](#) page. Proposal corrections must be made in Research.gov and then **resubmitted in Research.gov**.



Guidance and Training Resources

- NSF [Grants.gov Application Guide](#) developed to assist proposers in the preparation and submission of proposals to NSF
- [Grants.gov Proposal Processing in Research.gov](#) how-to guide including an overview of the entire process and example Grants.gov and Research.gov confirmation emails for proposal submissions via Grants.gov
- [Grants.gov Submitted Proposals](#) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Research.gov [About Proposal Preparation and Submission](#) page
- Research.gov [About Proposal Preparation and Submission](#) page to access Research.gov proposal FAQs, how-to guides, and video tutorials
- [Research.gov Proposal Preparation Demo Site](#) to check compliance of uploaded proposal documents in Research.gov. See the demo site FAQs on the Research.gov

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