



REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) AGENCY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO THE RESEARCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EFFECTIVE May 20, 2024

Effective May 20, 2024, awards made to Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) and non-profit organizations will incorporate by reference and will be subject to the [Research Terms & Conditions](#) dated November 12, 2020 and the [NSF Agency Specific Requirements](#) dated May 20, 2024. The *Research Terms & Conditions* will not be applied to NSF cooperative agreements or to NSF fellowship awards made to individuals.

The *NSF Agency Specific Requirements* apply to all new NSF awards and funding amendments to existing NSF awards made on or after May 20, 2024¹, to institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations.

A summary of the changes is included below. Any questions regarding these changes may be directed to the Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support, at policy@nsf.gov.

Summary of Changes

Overall Document

- Editorial changes have been made throughout to either clarify or enhance the intended meaning of a sentence or section.
- Website and document references have been updated to reflect current information.
- Updates have been made to ensure consistency with guidance and terminology contained in other NSF or Federal policy documents.
- Article numbering has been updated to reflect the addition of several new articles.

¹ Unless otherwise specified.

By-Article Changes

- **Format, Content and Timing of Required Reports, Article 8.** This article has been supplemented with certification requirements provided by the PI or co-PI in annual and final annual project reports, including an annual certification that each postdoctoral scholar and graduate student who receives substantial NSF support must have an individual development plan. The article also incorporates the new institutional annual reporting requirement mandated by Section 10339B, “*Foreign Financial Support*”, of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. § 19040). This report must be submitted by July 31 of each calendar year.
- **Safe and Inclusive Working Environments for Off-Campus or Off-Site Research, Article 17.** This article has been supplemented with language to address postaward requirements associated with the plan for safe and inclusive working environments.
- **Publications, Article 30.** The guidance in this article has been updated to align with the NSF Policy on Brand Standards and the NSF Brand Standards Manual.
- **Notification Requirements Regarding Sexual Harassment, Other Forms of Harassment, or Sexual Assault, Article 39.** Updates were made to this article to improve clarity of language and NSF’s expectations.
- **Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program Certification, Article 41.** This new article addresses Section 10632 of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (42 U.S.C. § 19232). Each PI and co-PI identified on a proposal submitted or due on or after May 20, 2024, that results in an award, must certify annually in Research.gov, for the duration of the award that such individual is not a party to a malign foreign talent recruitment program. These certifications do not apply retroactively to proposals submitted prior to May 20, 2024.
- **Postaward Additions of Postdoctoral Scholars or Graduate Students, Article 42.** Requirements associated with postaward additions of postdoctoral scholars or graduate students are addressed in this new article.
- **Individual Development Plans for Postdoctoral Scholars and Graduate Students, Article 43.** This new article implements the Section 10313 (42 U.S.C. § 18993) of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 requirement that each postdoctoral scholar and graduate student who receives substantial NSF support must have an individual development plan.