



## **REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) GRANT GENERAL CONDITIONS (GC-1)**

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 4, 2010**

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Effective January 4, 2010, new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants<sup>1</sup> will begin referencing and are subject to the Grant General Conditions (GC-1) dated 01/10. The complete text of the GC-1 (as well as other NSF grant policy issuances) is available electronically on the NSF website.<sup>2</sup> The Grant General Conditions apply to all new NSF grants and funding increments on existing NSF grants awarded on or after January 4, 2010, with the exception of Article 18, which only applies to new proposals submitted on or after January 4, 2010.

A comprehensive 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, on (703) 292-8243 or by e-mail to [policy@nsf.gov](mailto:policy@nsf.gov).

### **Significant Changes to the NSF Grant General Conditions, dated 01/10**

◆ **Project Reporting Requirements, Article 15**, has been updated to incorporate a new section which describes the project outcomes report that PIs will need to produce and submit to NSF within 90 days following expiration of the grant.

Language also has been added to clarify when annual and final project reports are considered due and when they become overdue.

◆ **Responsible Conduct of Research, Article 18**, is a new Article that provides NSF's implementation of Section 7009 of the America COMPETES Act regarding responsible conduct of research (RCR).

### **Clarifications and Other Changes to the NSF Grant General Conditions, dated 01/10**

◆ **Overall Document**. References to forms that no longer exist, such as the Federal Cash Transaction Report, have been removed from the document. Language in other Articles, such as Travel and Payments, has been updated to ensure consistency with the latest policies and procedures on these topics as well as with the coverage in the Award & Administration Guide.

◆ **Expenditure Reports, Article 16**, has been revised to require submission of the Federal Financial Report (FFR) by the thirtieth day following the end of each quarter. The FFR can be submitted via FastLane or Research.gov.

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<sup>1</sup> The NSF Grant General Conditions apply to grants made to For-profit organizations (other than Small Business Innovation Research awardees) and State and local governments.

<sup>2</sup> The Policy Office website address is: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/>