



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

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Effective February 1, 2012, awards made to organizations subject to 2 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 215 will incorporate by reference the *Research Terms & Conditions* dated June, 2011 and the *NSF Agency Specific Requirements* dated February 1, 2012. The *Research Terms & Conditions* will not be applied to NSF cooperative agreements or to NSF fellowship awards made to individuals.

Unless otherwise noted in a specific article, the *NSF Agency Specific Requirements* apply to all new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants awarded on or after February 1, 2012.

The changes to Article 9 (Expenditure Reports) and Article 14 (Travel) identified below also will be incorporated in the next issuance of the *NSF Award & Administration Guide*.

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.

Significant Changes to the NSF Agency Specific Requirements to the Research Terms and Conditions, dated 02/12

- **Travel, Article 14**, has been updated to incorporate revised circumstances under which use of a foreign-flag air carrier is permissible. The Article provides information on recent modifications to the "Open Skies" Agreement with the European Union, and includes a link to the General Services Administration website for additional information.
- **Academic Technology Transfer and Commercialization of University Research, Article 19**, is a new Article which requires higher education institutions that have NSF research support and at least \$25,000,000 in total Federal research grants in the most recently completed Federal fiscal year to submit to NSF the URL that contains information on their transfer of technology and commercialization of research results efforts.

Clarifications and Other Changes to the NSF Agency Specific Requirements to the Research Terms and Conditions, dated 02/12

- **Expenditure Reports, Article 9**, has been modified to reflect that all Federal Financial Reports must now be submitted through Research.gov.
- **Indirect Costs, Article 11**, is a new Article reminding awardees subject to OMB Circular A-21 that they must use the indirect cost (F&A) rate(s) approved by the cognizant Federal negotiating agency that are in effect at the time of the initial award, throughout the life of the award, unless otherwise specified in the award notice.
- **Grantee Responsibilities and Federal Requirements, Article 12**, has been supplemented with a weblink to a listing of the National Policy Requirements.
- **Intangible Property, Article 25**, has a footnote added to it stating that, while the Article remains unchanged at this time, NSF is assessing how best to implement revisions given the Stanford vs. Roche Supreme Court decision.