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National Science Foundation
NSF Policy Office

Request for Comment: NSF 24-1 PAPPG

Dear NSF Policy Office:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the following comments/recommendations for your review and consideration with regard to the NSF 24-1 PAPPG under development:

Section E. 2-3:

Certification regarding *Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs*:

We recommend that this specific AOR certification be added to the PAPPG Chapter II.D.1.d, “Proposal Certifications Provided by the Organization.”

Section D.2.h.

New Synergistic Activities Document:

We recommend that, *unless the intent of the NSF is to gather more detail about each activity*, an additional document *not* be added to the current number of required uploaded documents. Additionally, current biographical sketch formats (which have the inclusion of synergistic activities) are not required for Conference Proposals or Travel Proposals, however the draft PAPPG indicates the new synergistic activities document will be required for these types of programs.

Section D.2.i.(i).

Mentoring Plan for PostDocs and Graduate Students:

We recommend that Mentoring Plans for Graduate Students be a separate document from Mentoring Plans for Postdoctoral Scholars. A single project may have both roles participating on the activity and have different mentoring requirements, which could not be efficiently detailed in a single one-page document. We further recommend that the requirement for a single Mentoring Plan for Graduate Students not be implemented for collaborative proposals. If the mentoring plan for Graduate Students is found to be of benefit we believe each institution should develop and upload their own mentoring plans, as mentorship for these individuals will vary between PIs and between Institutions per their individual organizational policies.

Section E.9.d.

Safe and Inclusive Working Environments for Off-Campus or Off-Site Research:

We recommend that each submitting organization should check the box on the cover page as appropriate to their activities and submit a monitoring plan specific to their organization and participating subrecipients. Each organization has only the authority to implement their plan according to its organizational policies. Trying to include the plans of all collaborating organizations in one two-page plan has proven to be challenging and could inadvertently lead to the submission of incomplete information.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information or clarification.

Respectfully,



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