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Suzanne,

Please find below the comments on the draft PAPPG from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

1. Clarify the discrepancy between the wording of the requirements for the project description's contents (C. 2., Section d. (i) Content, p. II-9) and Exhibit II-1: Proposal Preparation Checklist (p. II-35). The policy section does not address having "Intellectual Merit" as a required separate section within the narrative. Whereas the Checklist says "Project Description contains, as a separate section within the narrative, sections labeled "Intellectual Merit" and "Broader Impacts."
2. Remove ambiguity from Section II-5; C. Proposal Documents; 1. Single-Copy Documents; e. Collaborators & Other Affiliations Information (third bullet): "A list of all persons (including their organizational affiliations, if known), with whom the individual has had an association as thesis advisor, or with whom the individual has had an association within the last five years as a postgraduate-scholar sponsor." [emphasis added].

Does the requirement, "within the last five years", apply only to postdocs, or to both postdocs and graduate student advisees? The ambiguity could be avoided by separating the single item into two separate ones—one for former graduate students and one for postdocs.

3. Increase the font size of NSF solicitations, preferably matching the NSF requirements for proposal documents. Currently, NSF solicitations are published in very small font that is difficult to read.

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