

Comment on proposed change to PAPPG

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To: Plimpton, Suzanne H. <splimpto@nsf.gov>;

Dear Dr. Plimpton,

I work at Stanford in the Office of Science Outreach. In my role here, I help faculty members develop science outreach ideas as a way of broadening the impact of their research.

I'm writing in response to the proposed change in the Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) for 2019 dealing with the "Synergistic Activities" Section (Section D) of the Biosketch. This is section often provides faculty the opportunity to describe their experience with Broader Impact (BI) activities. I'm concerned that this change might limit their ability to describe their BI experience and reviewers' ability to judge their BI track record.

I hope NSF will reconsider this change and continue to give PIs the space to use the section to describe the five examples with additional background and context.

Thank you,
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