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Hello,

I have reviewed the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide with my colleagues and have the following comments and concerns:

1. Current and Pending Support-

-Our current understanding of the Current and Pending support has not included activities outside their institute appointment, such as consulting work. Our interpretation has been NSF collects this information to establish whether a researcher is over-committed with their institute effort, which would not pertain to outside activities. We also have concerns with reporting in-kind support (that has a time commitment) as this information is not usually quantified and we are not sure how we would report this in the current format for Current and Pending support. We have not been reporting outside activities or in-kind support in the past and have not received any pushback from NSF on this. If NSF proceeds with requiring this additional information, we are concerned with the burden of entering this in Fastlane or Research.gov for faculty and staff.

We would also like clarification on the following:

- Whether institutional start-up funding/packages for PI's (which does not have a time commitment), need to be reported. Our current interpretation is no.
- Can NSF confirm that this does not include faculty academic year salary? Our current interpretation is no.
- If faculty have part-time appointments (visiting or other) at 2 universities, does NSF expect C&P associated with both appointments to be disclosed in any single application? This can come up with faculty are transferring institutions
- When will the new electronic format be available for view since we will no longer be able to upload a PDF? This will require additional training and education for faculty and staff on using the new format.

Thank you and we look forwarding to see NSF's response on the new PAPPG.

Thank you,
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