National Science Foundation – issued the new Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) 19-1 that will is effective January 28, 2019. The significant changes and clarifications to the PAPPG 19-1 are highlighted below for your reference. Access the guide at https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf19001.

Significant Changes

- **Subawards**, has been updated to clarify that the description of the work to be performed by the subaward must be included in the project description.
- **Types of Proposals,** specifies that "RAPID", "EAGER" and "RAISE" must be included in the proposal project title. The language has been updated to indicate that these proposal types are not eligible for reconsideration. EQUIPMENT applications must include the COA table.
- **Conferences**, has been supplemented with new language that requires conference proposers to have a policy or code-of-conduct that addresses sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, or sexual assault, and that includes clear and accessible means of reporting violations of the policy or code-of-conduct. *This policy or code-of-conduct must be disseminated to conference participants prior to attendance at the conference as well as made available at the conference itself.*
- **Resubmission**, has been revised to establish that NSF programs that accept proposals at any time may have guidelines in which a declined proposal is ineligible for resubmission for a specified period of time.

Clarifications and Other Changes

- **Proposal Font, Spacing and Margin Requirements,** has been updated to specify that fonts not listed in the PAPPG may be used for mathematical formulas, equations, or when inserting Greek letters or special characters. **for other sections – USE the FONTS in the guidelines**
- **Synergistic Activities**, has been revised to specify that a list should include up to **five distinct examples** that demonstrate the broader impact of the individual's professional and scholarly activities that focuses on the integration and transfer of knowledge as well as its creation. **Examples with multiple components are not permitted**
- **Participant Support**, has been updated to clarify when an individual should be classified as a participant or a speaker at a conference. This section also has been updated to clarify that participant support costs may not be budgeted to cover room rental fees, catering costs, supplies, etc., related to an NSF-sponsored conference.
- **Technical Reporting Requirement (Submission of Final Report)** – updated to clarify that by submitting the final project report, the PI is signifying that the scope of work for the project has been completed and that he/she does not anticipate that any further research activities (including a no-cost extension, supplemental funding, or transfer of the grant) need to be completed on the project.

For reference, the 2019 PAPPG 19-1 webinar, guide, and webinar slides can be found online https://nsfgrantsconferences.com/pappg-webinar-19/. An outline of all changes to the PAPPG 19-1 guide can be found here: https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappg19_1/sigchanges.jsp.