

Revision of the *NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide*

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has published a revised version of the *NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (NSF 08-1), which will be effective for proposals received on or after January 5, 2008. The new publication can be accessed at: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=papp. While the changes are effective January 5, 2008, proposers are strongly encouraged to begin complying with the guidance as soon as possible.

Several important changes have been made to the Guide. Among them is a revision to the intellectual merit review criterion. The criterion now specifically includes evaluation of proposals for potentially transformative concepts.

Second, is a new requirement regarding registering in the Central Contractor Registration. Potential proposers must register in the Central Contractor Registration prior to submitting a proposal to NSF. This requirement also applies to any known subawardees at the time of proposal submission.

Finally, the revised Guide contains an update to the designated fonts that may be used when preparing an NSF proposal. The updated proposal margin and spacing requirements section in Chapter II.B.2 of the *Grant Proposal Guide* can be accessed at: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf08_1/gpg_2.jsp#IIB2.

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