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Dear Colleagues:

NSF recently recorded [a webinar about the requirement to use an NSF-approved format](https://www.nsfpolicyoutreach.com/resources/april-2020-nsf-approved-formats-for-proposals/) for both the biographical sketch and current & pending support documents as part of proposals submitted to NSF. The policy, outlined in the NSF [*Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide*](https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf20001)(PAPPG) (NSF 20-1), goes into effect for proposals submitted or due, on or after June 1, 2020.  The two NSF-approved formats are [SciENcv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), and an NSF Fillable PDF.

Webinar topics include:

* the policy guidance for preparation of the biographical sketch and current and pending support sections of the proposal;
* a walk-through of the user experience in accessing these formats in NSF systems;
* detailed guidance from NIH on using SciENcv for preparing both documents; and
* answers to a number of frequently asked questions.

For additional information, see the NSF pages for the [biographical sketch](https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/biosketch.jsp) and [current and pending support](https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/cps.jsp).  We would like your feedback on these formats prior to the June 1st requirement. Please provide your comments and questions to policy@nsf.gov.

Regards,

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