

The National Science Foundation has recently announced some policy updates, which will be effective on grant applications and awards **on or after January 25, 2016**. Please review these changes and contact ORSP should you have any questions.

1. Collaborators and Other Affiliations information will be moved out of the Biosketch into its own single copy document. This removes the need to total the number of collaborators, etc. The Biosketch page limit will remain the same at 2 pages maximum.
2. The Results from Prior NSF Support section in the Project Description has been updated for clarity. You are required to report on all previous support with a **start date** in the past 5 years.
3. Vertebrate animals sections of proposals now need to include the same information as you would provide for an NIH proposal, as NIH will now be overseeing the vertebrate animals compliance for both federal entities. This information includes the following to be placed within the Project Description:
  - i. Detailed description of proposed use. Identify species, strains, ages, sex and number to be used
  - ii. Justify use of animals, choice of species and number to be used
  - iii. Provide info on veterinary care of animals involved
  - iv. Describe measures taken to protect animals from discomfort, distress, pain, or injury
  - v. Describe method of euthanasia to be used and reason for its selection.

Additional information about these changes can be found at this link: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/>. Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you on all of your upcoming NSF applications.