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Dear Ms. Plimpton,

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed updates to the National Science Foundation's (NSF's) Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) as posted in the [Federal Register](#) on April 13, 2022. We applaud NSF's efforts to clearly communicate proposed changes and the underlying rationale for the updates in this key resource for those planning to apply for NSF support.

Overall, we found the proposed changes to be straightforward and reflective of updated federal policies, namely the implementation of the National Security Presidential Memorandum 33 (NSPM-33), and process updates within NSF, including the use of Broad Agency Announcements to solicit proposals in specific priority areas. Similarly, steps taken to align NSF policies and procedures with those of other research funding agencies are important for streamlining researchers' efforts and reducing administrative burdens associated with differing application and reporting processes.

Thank you for engaging the research community in the review of the proposed changes to the PAPPG and providing ample time for comment. The continued efforts of NSF staff to clarify and harmonize policies and procedures associated with NSF grant proposal preparation and awards management are greatly appreciated by FASEB and its constituents.

Sincerely,

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