



## REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) AGENCY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO THE RESEARCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EFFECTIVE October 22, 2018

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Effective October 22, 2018, grants made to institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations will incorporate by reference the [Research Terms & Conditions](#) dated March 14, 2017 and the [NSF Agency Specific Requirements](#) dated October 22, 2018. The *Research Terms & Conditions* will not be applied to NSF cooperative agreements or to NSF fellowship awards made to individuals.

Unless otherwise noted in a specific article, the *NSF Agency Specific Requirements* apply to all new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants awarded on or after October 22, 2018 to institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations.

A summary of the changes is included below. Any questions regarding these changes may be directed to the Policy Office, Division of Institution and Award Support, at [policy@nsf.gov](mailto:policy@nsf.gov).

### **Significant Changes**

- **Micro-purchase and Simplified Acquisition Thresholds, Article 35.** This article has been updated in accordance with Section 806 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2018, as implemented by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-18-18, dated June 20, 2018.
- **Notification Requirements Regarding Sexual Harassment, Other Forms of Harassment, or Sexual Assault, Article 37.** This new term and condition implements NSF's policy regarding sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, or sexual assault. Awardee organizations are required to notify NSF of any findings/determinations of sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, or sexual assault regarding an NSF funded PI or co-PI. Awardees also are required to notify NSF if the PI or co-PI is placed on administrative leave or if the awardee has imposed any administrative action on the PI or any co-PI relating to any finding/determination or an investigation of an alleged violation of awardee policies or codes of conduct, statutes, regulations, or executive orders relating to sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, or sexual assault. This term and condition specifies the procedures that will be followed by NSF upon receipt of a notification.