



## REVISION OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) GRANT GENERAL CONDITIONS (GC-1)

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Effective January 25, 2016, grants made to organizations subject to [2 CFR § 200](#), which includes grants made to for-profit organizations (other than Small Business Innovation Research grantees) and State and local governments, will incorporate by reference the *Grant General Conditions* (GC-1) dated 01/25/16. The GC-1 will serve as the applicable terms and conditions for the grantee organizations outlined above, until such time as revised *Research Terms and Conditions* become effective. The GC-1 will not be applied to NSF cooperative agreements or to NSF fellowship awards made to individuals.

Unless otherwise noted in a specific article, the [Grant General Conditions](#) apply to all new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants awarded on or after January 25, 2016.

A comprehensive 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 (703) 292-8243 or by e-mail to [policy@nsf.gov](mailto:policy@nsf.gov).

### **Significant Changes to the NSF Grant General Conditions, dated 01/16**

- **Project Reporting Requirements, Article 15, and Cost Sharing and Cost Sharing Records, Article 30**, have been revised to reflect that for all new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants awarded on or after January 25, 2016, final project reports, project outcomes reports for the general public and final cost sharing reports should be submitted no later than 120 days following the end date of the grant. **Note, however, that standard grants made prior to January 25, 2016 retain the requirement to submit final project, project outcomes and final cost sharing reports no later than 90 days following the end date of the grant.**
- **Public Access to Copyrighted Material, Article 26**, is an entirely new Article which implements the NSF Public Access Policy.
- **Animal Welfare, Article 37**, contains new requirements to include NSF-supported activities with live vertebrate animals in the grantee's OLAW Animal Welfare Assurance, as well as report situations involving NSF-supported animal activities to OLAW and the appropriate NSF staff.
- **Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC), Article 41**, is an entirely new Article that implements the *US Government Policy for Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern*.

## **Clarifications and Other Changes to the NSF Grant General Conditions, dated 01/16**

- **Overall document** has been modified to incorporate minor editorial changes to either clarify or enhance the intended meaning of a sentence or section or ensure consistency with other NSF policy documents. Internal and external references also have been updated.
- **Payments, Article 13**, has been updated with guidance that implements the applicable portions of 2 CFR § 200.305 on interest income.
- **Project Reporting Requirements, Article 15**, has updated terminology which states that, in the case of annual project reports, the reports should be submitted no later than 90 days prior to the end of the current budget period.
- **Suspension or Termination, Article 33**, has been supplemented with language regarding NSF implementation of the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System.