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## September 29th and October 20th Critical NSF System-related Deadlines

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Dear Colleagues:

The following critical FastLane, Research.gov, and Grants.gov system-related deadlines for NSF proposals are approaching:

#### ***FastLane September 29th Deadlines***

- **Friday, September 29, 2023** (5:00 PM submitter's local time) is the last day to **submit** proposal file updates and budget revisions in FastLane, **withdraw** FastLane submitted proposals, and **withdraw** supplemental funding requests submitted in FastLane. Please see the [FastLane System Decommissioning](#) page for additional information.
- **Friday, September 29, 2023** (11:00 PM Eastern Time) is the last day to **access** FastLane submitted and in-progress letters of intent, proposals, and supplemental funding requests in FastLane.
  - FastLane submitted and in-progress letters of intent, proposals, and supplemental funding requests will **not** be transferred to Research.gov; however, the reviews and summaries for proposals submitted in FastLane will remain available in Research.gov.
  - Refer to the [Instructions to Access and Download/Print FastLane Letters of Intent, Proposals and Supplemental Funding Requests](#).
- **Friday, September 29, 2023** (11:00 PM Eastern Time) is the last day to access the FastLane homepage using the [www.fastlane.nsf.gov](http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov) URL. Starting September 30, 2023, the following changes will be implemented:
  - The FastLane homepage URL ([www.fastlane.nsf.gov](http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov)) will redirect to the Research.gov homepage.
  - Access to FastLane Proposal Review and Panelist Functions will be from the Research.gov homepage using the links indicated by an "F" icon displayed to the left of each FastLane functionality link.
  - Links to decommissioned FastLane functionality (i.e., FastLane proposal file updates, budget revisions, and proposal downloads) will be removed from the Research.gov homepage.
  - FastLane homepage top navigation bar tabs will be removed.

***Research.gov and Grants.gov October 20th Deadlines***

- **Friday, October 20, 2023** (5:00 PM submitter's local time) is the last day to **upload** the NSF fillable PDF format for the biographical sketch and current and pending (other) support.
  - Proposers currently may prepare the biographical sketch and current and pending (other) support using either [SciENCv](#) or the NSF fillable PDFs.
  - The mandate to use SciENCv only for preparation of the biographical sketch and current and pending (other) support will go into effect for new proposals submitted or due on or after October 23, 2023.
  - Refer to *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* Chapters [II.D.2.h.\(i\)](#), and [II.D.2.h.\(ii\)](#), as well as the NSF [biographical sketch](#) and [current and pending \(other\) support](#) pages for more information.
  - Please be aware that biographical sketch and current and pending (other) support format is validated for Grants.gov proposals at proposal submission to NSF rather than at document upload as in Research.gov. Grants.gov proposals which include the NSF fillable PDF format will not pass the submission validations after Friday, October 20, 2023 (5:00 PM submitter's local time). For more information about NSF proposal submissions via Grants.gov, please visit the [Grants.gov Proposal Processing in Research.gov](#) informational page.

### SciENCv Training Resources

- [NSF Biographical Sketch video tutorial](#)
- [NSF Current & Pending \(Other\) Support video tutorial](#)
- [SciENCv help guide with NSF-specific section](#) (includes screenshots and step-by-step instructions)
- [Using SciENCv Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [SciENCv demo recording from June 2023 NSF Grants Conference](#) (demo starts at the 23:49 minute marker)

**Questions?** If you have IT system-related questions, please contact the NSF Help Desk at 1-800-381-1532 (7:00 AM - 9:00 PM ET; Monday - Friday except federal holidays) or via [rgov@nsf.gov](mailto:rgov@nsf.gov). Policy-related questions should be directed to [policy@nsf.gov](mailto:policy@nsf.gov).

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