

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) – Current & Pending Support Questionnaire for PSU Faculty:

NSF revised its Proposal & Awards Policies and Procedures Guide effective June 1, 2020, expanding the categories of information to be included in Current & Pending (C&P) Support Forms ([Chapter II.C.2.h](#)). In addition to disclosing all research activity administered through Penn State, NSF researchers are also expected to disclose “all resources made available to an individual in support of and/or related to all of his his/her research efforts, **regardless of whether or not they have monetary value**” and **irrespective of whether such support is based at Penn State or received external to Penn State**. NSF interprets Current & Pending Support to include the following:

1. Current or pending participation in, or applications to, programs sponsored by foreign governments, instrumentalities, or entities, including foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment programs.
2. Support provided for this project, for ongoing projects, and for any proposals currently under consideration from whatever source and (Services and/or payments related to research oversight, research supervision, and co-authoring research papers are not considered honoraria, but rather research funding.)
3. Research performed outside of a faculty member's appointment (e.g., a faculty member with a 9-month appointment at Penn State and a 2-month appointment at another institution).
4. Endowment(s), other PSU Unit/Department support, and retention funds provided in support of an investigator's research (amount currently available)
5. PSU Seed/internal grant (amount currently available)
6. “In-kind contributions such as office/laboratory space, equipment, supplies, employees, students.” Please include start-up funds and other resources provided by institutions other than PSU. Please also list any “postdoctoral scholars, students or visiting scholars” if they are “supported by an external entity” and “there is an associated time commitment ([NSF Pre-award and Post-award Disclosures](#)).
7. “In-kind contributions not intended for use on the project/proposal being proposed also must be reported.”
8. Consulting that falls outside of an individual's appointment/agreement.
9. Travel supported/paid by an external entity to perform research activities with an associated time commitment.
10. Startup company based on non-organization licensed intellectual property.
11. Faculty also should confirm that their NSF biographical sketch includes a complete list of “current and prior academic, professional, or institutional appointments . . . **whether or not remuneration is received, and whether full-time, part-time, or voluntary (including adjunct, visiting, or honorary)** ([NSF PAPPG, Chapter II.C.2.f](#), emphasis added).

Per the [NSF C&P FAQ](#), “NSF uses the information provided to assess the capacity of the individual to carry out the research as proposed, as well as to help assess any potential overlap/duplication with the project being proposed.” NSF also notes that “a change in active other support must be reported to NSF when the annual or final project reports are due.”

Please see [NSF C&P Support Page](#) and the [NSF C&P FAQ](#) for more information.

PSU Faculty are responsible for ensuring that their C&P Support forms are accurate and complete.

Research Administrators have limited or no knowledge of many of the items that NSF is asking for such as seed grants, in-kind contributions, and research activities performed outside of Penn State.

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