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NSF ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF THE 2020 PROPOSAL & AWARD POLICIES & PROCEDURES GUIDE

In a recent Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) Jean Feldman NSF Head, Policy Office announced the release of the revised version of the *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG)*, (NSF 20-1). The new PAPPG will be effective for proposals submitted or due, and awards made, on or after **June 1, 2020**. The guidelines contained in the current PAPPG (NSF 19-1) continue to apply until the June 2020 effective date. According to the DCL, major changes in this version include the following:

- NSF will require use of an NSF-approved format in submission of the biographical sketch and current and pending support documents, once the PAPPG (NSF 20-1) becomes effective;
 - NSF is partnering with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to use SciENcv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae as an NSF-approved format for preparation of both documents.
 - Use of an NSF-approved format will not be required until implementation of PAPPG 20-1 on June 1, 2020.
 - To assist the community, NSF has developed websites with additional information for the preparation of the biographical sketch and current and pending support.
- New requirement for proposing organizations to submit government-wide representations and certifications in the System for Award Management (SAM);
- New requirement for providing email documentation of program officer approval for the submission of RAPID and EAGER proposals; and
- Clarifications to current and pending support coverage as well as other changes throughout the document.

A summary of changes is provided in the Introduction section of the PAPPG. NSF will conduct a webinar covering the changes on February 6, 2020 at 11a.m. PST. Visit the [webinar website](#) to register for this event.

NSF INVITES INPUT FROM THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY ON PLANNED COMPETITION

The Division of Earth Sciences (EAR) in the Directorate for Geosciences (GEO) at the National Science Foundation (NSF) is preparing for a competition for future support of one or more research centers focused on coordinating research in fundamental earthquake processes. The January 17 DCL states that the "intent of this competition is to support research center(s) to enable transformative research in earthquake science."

Members of the academic community are invited to provide non-proprietary input on this competition. "NSF is interested in responses focused on the aspects of earthquake science that a center would coordinate, potential center capabilities and infrastructure, and possible center organizational structures." The agency is "particularly interested in community feedback on opportunities and needs for broadening participation in earthquake science and educating the next generation of scientists, and the role a center can play in this effort." **Deadline for submission of written comments to NSF is April 1, 2020.** For complete details, refer to Dear Colleague Letter: Competition for Future Research Center(s) to Coordinate Research in Fundamental Earthquake Processes (NSF 20-036).

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 5 SETS REQUIREMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR DETERMINATIONS

In September 2019 California Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 5 (AB 5), which addresses employment status when an employer classifies the person it hires as an independent contractor. AB 5 requires that the "ABC

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test" be used to determine if workers in California are employees or independent contractors "for purposes of the Labor Code, the Unemployment Insurance Code, and the Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC) wage orders."

Based on the ABC assessment, individuals are considered employees, not independent contractors unless the employer meets all three of the following conditions:

- **(A)** "the worker is free from the control and direction of the hiring entity in connection with the performance of the work, both under the contract for the performance of the work and in fact,"
- **(B)** "the worker performs work that is outside the usual course of the hiring entity's business; **and**"
- **(C)** "the worker is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, or business of the same nature as that involved in the work performed." **The new law became effective January 1, 2020.** To learn more, visit the CA Labor and Workforce Development Agency website at <https://www.labor.ca.gov/employmentstatus/>

NIH 2020 SALARY CAP POSTED

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has posted the pay scale for FY 2020. Effective January 2020, The Executive Level II salary cap is \$197,300 . To view the **Executive & Senior Level Employee Pay Tables**, visit the OPM website at <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2020/executive-senior-level>

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY – TRAVEL RESTRICTION TO CHINA DUE TO CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

The Chancellor's Office has issued a memo informing CSU campuses that the State Department has raised the threat level for travel to China to level 4. **Effective immediately, travel to the entire country of China is not authorized.** Please note that this outbreak appears to be dynamic and decisions can change quickly. For the latest updates please see the State Department bulletin, which is linked at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/china-travel-advisory.html>." If you have any questions, please contact systemwide Risk Management at (562) 951-4580 or email Zachary Gifford at zgifford@calstate.edu.

2020 SJSU STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION THIS FEBRUARY

The **Annual SJSU Student Research Competition** will take place February 24 - 27, 2020 in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library. Finalists from the SJSU student competition and their faculty mentors will be recognized at the campus-wide Celebration of Research on March 26 before they head to California State University, East Bay to compete as SJSU representatives at the 34th Annual CSU Student Research Competition on April 24 and April 25. For more details about the SJSU and the CSU competitions, visit the Student Research Competition web page at <http://www.sjsu.edu/research/funding/funding-opportunities/student-research-competition/index.html>

LIMITED SUBMISSIONS – UPCOMING SJSU INTERNAL DEADLINES

DHHS Biomedical Research Facilities

SJSU Internal Deadline: February 7, 2020

Sponsor Deadline: March 17, 2020

DOJ National AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program FY 2020

SJSU Internal Deadline: February 7, 2020

Sponsor Deadline: March 26, 2020

DOJ SMART FY 2020 SORNA Training and Technical Assistance Program

SJSU Internal Deadline: February 14, 2020

Sponsor Deadline: March 26, 2020

USAID Greater Internet Freedom (GIF)

SJSU Internal Deadline: February 17, 2020

Sponsor Deadline: March 30, 2020

DOS Creative Arts Exchange FY2020

SJSU Internal Deadline: February 28, 2020

Sponsor Deadline: April 24, 2020

FEBRUARY – JULY GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES NOW AVAILABLE

The **Grant Application Deadlines Report** shows application deadlines for funding opportunities that have been identified as relevant to research interests at SJSU and sent through the Research Foundation Funding Alert System. The current report covers the six-month period beginning February 1 through July 31. Links to sponsors funding announcements are included. To view the report, visit the SJSU Research Foundation website at <http://www.sjsu.edu/researchfoundation/osp/funding/grantapdeadline/index.html>.