

NSF Proposal Submission and Project Report Update

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- ★ Research.gov Introduction and Background
- ★ NSF Proposal Compliance Update
- ★ Research Performance Progress Report Overview
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A person wearing a blue jacket and a brown cap is kneeling in a dirt pit, examining a fossilized skull. The person is wearing white gloves and is looking down at the skull with a focused expression. The skull is partially buried in the dirt and appears to be a primate or hominid skull. The background is a dark, textured dirt surface.

RESEARCH.GOV INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Researchers can do business with NSF through a suite of services



Government-wide grantees

- Find and apply for NSF grants



NSF Grantees

- Find and apply for NSF grants



Research Grantees

- Support the research community with a modern technology platform
- Submit financial and project reports

Research.gov is the modernization of FastLane, providing the next generation of grants management capabilities for the research community

Research.gov offers grants management services...



- ★ Access Services
 - InCommon
 - Single Sign-on with FastLane
- ★ Reporting Services
 - Project Outcomes Report
 - Annual, Final, and Interim Reports (Coming March 18, 2013)
- ★ Financial Services
 - The Federal Financial Report
 - Financial Services
 - Award Cash Management Service (Coming April 2013)
- ★ Application Services
 - Grants Application Status
 - Application Submission Web Services

A screenshot of the Research.gov website homepage. The page features a dark blue header with the "Research.gov" logo and the tagline "POWERING KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION". A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Contact Us, Site Map, and Help. The main content area is divided into several sections: "MY DESKTOP" with links to Research.gov Services & Tools, Research Spending & Results, and Policy Library; "Who We Are" with links to Service Offerings, News, and SEE Innovation; "APPLY FOR GRANTS" with links to Grants.gov, NSF FastLane, and NASA Inspires; and "FEEDBACK" with a link to Tell Us What You Think. A large banner on the right side of the page promotes "New! Discover the Outcomes of NSF's Science, Engineering & Education Innovation" with a call to action "Click here to SEE Innovation >>". Below the banner, there is a "Our Services" section with icons and descriptions for Research Spending & Results, Science, Engineering, and Education Innovation (SEE Innovation), Policy Library, and Grants Application Status. On the far right, there is a "My Links" section with links to Federal Links (NSF.gov, USA.gov, Whitehouse.gov, DATA.gov), Research Community Links (NCURA, FDP, SRA, AAAS, Science News, Science 360), and RECOVERY.GOV.

...and public facing services

- ★ Research Spending & Results
- ★ Policy Library
- ★ SEE Innovation
- ★ Research Headlines & Events



The screenshot shows the Research.gov website with the following elements:

- Header:** "Research.gov" logo, search bar, "POWERING KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION" tagline, navigation links (Home, Contact Us, Site Map, Help), and date (October 12, 2011).
- Left Sidebar:**
 - LOGIN AS: NSF Visitor, Login, How Do I Login?, Register
 - Who We Are
 - Service Offerings
 - News
 - SEE Innovation
 - Research Areas
 - Locations
 - Research Assets
 - APPLY FOR GRANTS
 - Grants.gov
 - NSF FastLane
 - NASA Nspires
 - FEEDBACK
 - Tell Us What You Think
- Main Content Area:**
 - "Understanding Quasars" article with a "Learn More" link and a space image.
 - "Science, Engineering & Education Innovation" section with an NSF logo and text: "NSF-funded projects are advancing knowledge, transforming society, strengthening the economy, and helping to keep America secure. Learn about projects, people, and infrastructure in every state and all fields of science and engineering. Learn More"
 - "Research Areas" section with a "View All 12" link and a "Astronomy & Space" category featuring a space image.
 - "Locations" section with a map of the United States and text: "Use the interactive map to explore NSF research facilities, award highlights and topics. Browse By Map". Below the map is a list of states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia.



NSF PROPOSAL COMPLIANCE UPDATE

Proposals Not Accepted



- ★ Beginning March 18, 2013, FastLane will begin automated compliance checking all required sections of full proposals. FastLane will not allow submission of full proposals missing GPG-required sections.
- ★ Formally recognizes a new category of non-award decisions and transactions: Proposal Not Accepted
- ★ Is defined as “FastLane will not permit submission of the proposal”
- ★ This new category currently applies to:
 - Project Summaries
 - Data Management Plans
 - Postdoctoral Mentoring Plans

GPG-Required Sections of the Proposal



- ★ Project Summary *
- ★ Project Description
- ★ References Cited
- ★ Biographical Sketch(es)
- ★ Budget
- ★ Budget Justification
- ★ Current and Pending Support
- ★ Facilities, Equipment & Other Resources
- ★ Supplementary Documentation
 - Data Management Plan *
 - Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan (where applicable) *

* *These proposal sections are already being auto-compliance checked.*

What FastLane Will / Will Not Check

- ★ FastLane will check for the presence of GPG required sections of the proposal
- ★ If a section is not included, FastLane will not permit submission of the proposal
- ★ FastLane will not check:
 - Formatting
 - Page Length (except for Project Summary)
 - Content

- ★ Biographical Sketches & Current and Pending Support
 - FastLane permits the biosketch and current and pending support sections to be uploaded as a single PDF for the PI, co-PI and senior project personnel.
 - For FastLane to accept the proposal, proposers must insert text or upload a document that states, “Not Applicable” for any co-PI or senior person

Auto-Compliance Checking

- ★ Proposal submission instructions that deviate from the GPG will require special attention:
 - Conferences, symposia or workshops
 - International travel grants
 - Program solicitations, where applicable

- ★ If solicitation submission instructions do not require one of the sections, proposers will need to insert text or upload a document in that section of the proposal that states, “Not Applicable”
 - This will enable FastLane to accept the proposal

Lead Organization: Required Sections

- Project Summary
- Project Description
- References Cited
- Biographical Sketch(es)
- Budget
- Budget Justification
- Current and Pending Support
- Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources
- Supplementary Documentation
 - Data Management Plan
 - Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan (if applicable)

Non-Lead Organization: Required Sections

- Biographical Sketch(es)
- Budget
- Budget Justification
- Current and Pending Support
- Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources

★ Principal Investigators (PI)

- Will receive warning messages if any of the GPG required sections are missing
- Will be able to forward proposal to their institution's SPO

★ Sponsored Projects Office (SPO)

- FastLane will prevent submission from the SPO if any of the GPG-required sections is missing

Auto-Compliance Checking

- ★ Automated compliance checking will not be applied to:
 - Preliminary Proposals
 - Supplemental Funding Requests

What is the impact on Grants.gov proposals?

- ★ The *NSF Grants.gov Application Guide* specifies the same general content requirements for proposal submission.
- ★ Grants.gov may allow a proposal to be submitted even if one of the required sections is missing.
- ★ If a section is missing, a proposal may be returned without review.



RESEARCH PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT

- ★ The Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) is the result of a government-wide effort to create greater consistency in the administration of federal research awards by streamlining and standardizing reporting formats
 - The RPPR is the product of Research Business Models (RBM) Subcommittee of the Committee on Science (CoS), a committee of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)
 - Upon implementation, the RPPR will be used by federal agencies that support research and research-related activities.
 - NSF has led research agencies in the development of an RPPR data dictionary based upon the OMB RPPR approved policy

- ★ NSF will offer a new project reporting service on Research.gov which implements the RPPR format, replacing NSF's annual, final, and interim project reporting capabilities in the FastLane System
 - One of the key drivers in development of the project reporting service is to improve the user experience
 - Another key driver is to incorporate more structured collection of the project reports data for enhanced NSF use
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Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR)

The RPPR resulted from an initiative of the Research Business Models (RBM) Subcommittee of the Committee on Science (CoS), a committee of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). One of the RBM Subcommittee's priority areas is to create greater consistency in the administration of Federal research awards. Given the increasing complexity of interdisciplinary and interagency research, it is important for Federal agencies to manage awards in a similar fashion. Upon implementation, the RPPR will be used by agencies that support research and research-related activities for use in submission of interim progress reports. It is intended to replace other interim performance reporting formats currently in use by agencies. The RPPR does not change the performance reporting requirements specified in 2 CFR part 215 (OMB Circular A-110) and the Common Rule implementing OMB Circular A-102.

Each category in the RPPR is a separate reporting component. Agencies will direct recipients to report on the one mandatory component ("Accomplishments"), and also may direct them to report on optional components, as appropriate. Within a particular component, agencies may direct recipients to complete only specific questions, as not all questions within a given component may be relevant to all agencies. Agencies may develop an agency- or program-specific component, if necessary, to meet programmatic requirements, although agencies should minimize the degree to which they supplement the standard components. Such agency- or program specific requirements will require review and clearance by OMB. Agencies also may use other OMB approved reporting formats, such as the Performance Progress Report (PPR), if those formats are better suited to the agency's reporting requirements, for example, for research centers/institutes, clinical trials, or fellowship/training awards or in connection to reporting on program performance.

[OSTP/OMB Policy Letter](#)

Agency RPPR Implementation Plans

[DHHS/NIH \(and Other PHS Agencies\)](#)

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★ Mandatory Category:

- Accomplishments: What was done? What was learned?

★ Optional Categories:

- Products: What has the project produced?
- Participants & Other Collaborating Organizations: Who has been involved?
- Impact: What is the impact of the project? How has it contributed?
- Changes/Problems
- Special Reporting Requirements (where applicable)
- Appendix 1: Demographic Information for Significant Contributors

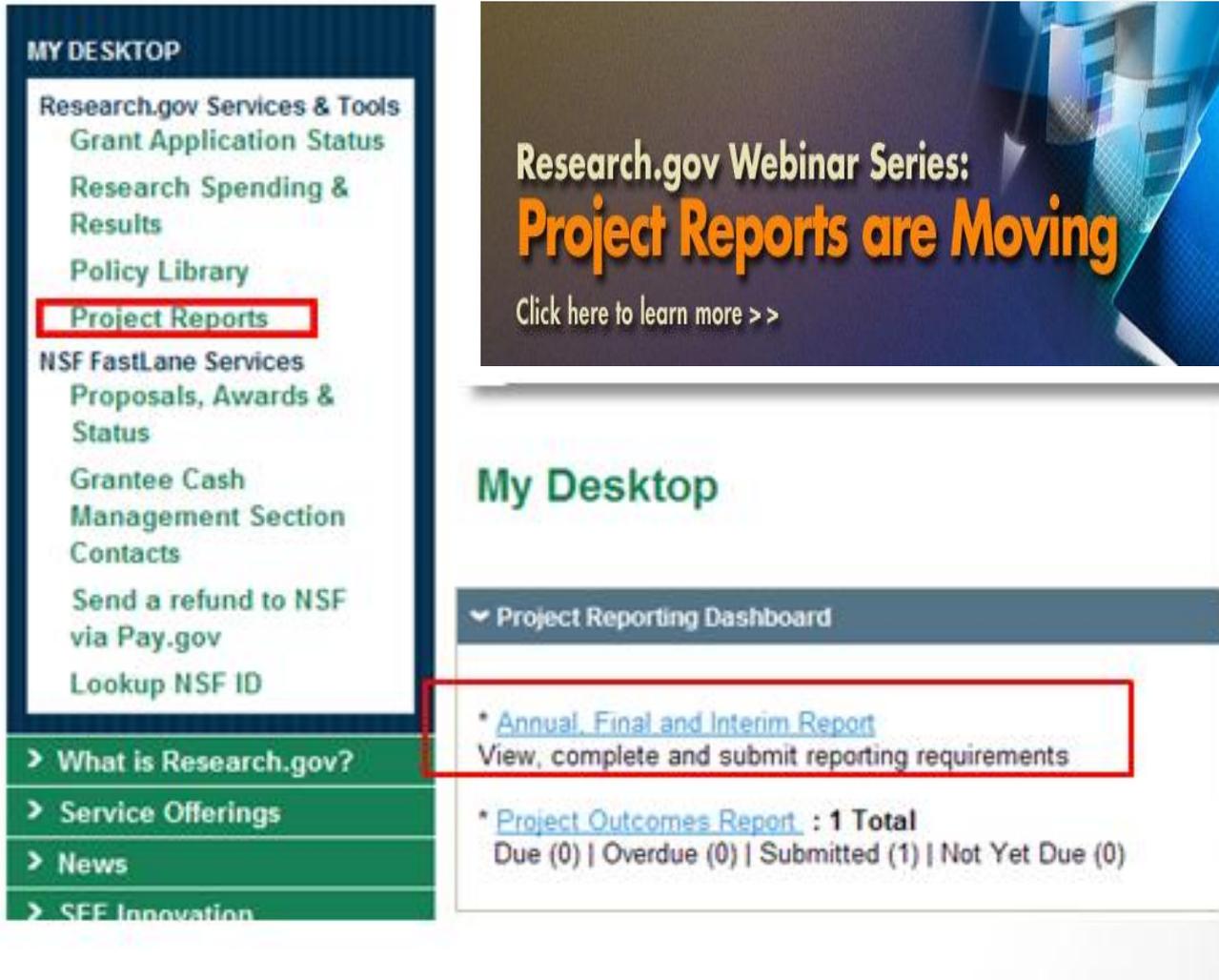
Key Differences of the New Project Report System



- ★ Project reporting dashboard
- ★ Structured collection of data
- ★ Rich text editor
- ★ PDF upload to support images, charts, and other complex graphics
- ★ Improved citation search through Thomson Web of Science
- ★ Special reporting requirements are controlled by solicitation
- ★ PI no longer provides demographic information on significant participants

- ★ Project Report Pilot currently underway with 19 research organizations submitting project reports on Research.gov
- ★ Final Target Launch Date: March 18, 2013
 - ★ All NSF awards and institutions
 - ★ NSF awardees must stop submitting project reports in FastLane starting on February 1, 2013
 - ★ Program Officers must approve all submitted reports by March 15, 5 PM EST

Project Reports Access: PI View



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 - Project Reports**
- NSF FastLane Services
 - Proposals, Awards & Status
 - Grantee Cash Management Section
 - Contacts
 - Send a refund to NSF via Pay.gov
 - Lookup NSF ID

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My Desktop

- Project Reporting Dashboard
 - * [Annual, Final and Interim Report](#)
View, complete and submit reporting requirements
 - * [Project Outcomes Report](#) : 1 Total
Due (0) | Overdue (0) | Submitted (1) | Not Yet Due (0)

- ★ Login with FastLane User ID and password
- ★ Access Project Report Dashboard or navigation

Annual, Final, and Interim Project Reports: PI View



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Project Reports

[What is the difference between an Annual, Final, Interim and Project Outcomes Report?](#)

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0830294	NEESR-SG: Smart and Resilient Steel Walls for Reducing Earthquake Impacts	Annual	Returned	 OVERDUE	10/01/2011	Create/Edit
0723064	MRI: Acquisition of Equipment to Simulate Collapse of Engineered Systems under E...	Final	Due	 OVERDUE	05/01/2012	Create/Edit
0421577	NEESR-SG: Seismic Behavior, Analysis and Design of Complex Wall Systems	Final	Due	 OVERDUE	06/30/2012	Create/Edit
1000440	Collaborative Research: Machine Vision Enhanced Post Earthquake Inspection and ...	Annual	Due	 OVERDUE	07/27/2012	Create/Edit

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Award 0723064 - Final Project Report

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Report Content

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Impact - What is the impact of the

INSTRUCTIONS - This component will period.

For NSF purposes, include, where appropriate, scientists, or new disciplines.

If there is nothing significant to report

* What is the impact on the development of the principal discipline(s) of the project?

Describe how findings, results, techniques that were developed or extended, or other products from the project made an impact or are likely to make an impact on the base of knowledge, theory, and research and/or pedagogical methods in the principal disciplinary field(s) of the project.

Nothing to report



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Project Report: PI View

Search Products/Journals



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Products - What has the project produced?
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- ★ Products:
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 - Technologies or techniques
 - Inventions, patent applications, and/or licenses
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 - Other Products
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 - Accomplishments
 - Products
 - Special Requirements

Project Report: SPO View

Search Project Reports



Reports Due | Reports Due < 12 Months | **Report Search** | All Awards

Search for an Award's Project Report (s):

Search by any of the following criteria.

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Award Number:

Award Title:

Award Status: Active Closed

PI/Co-PI Last Name:

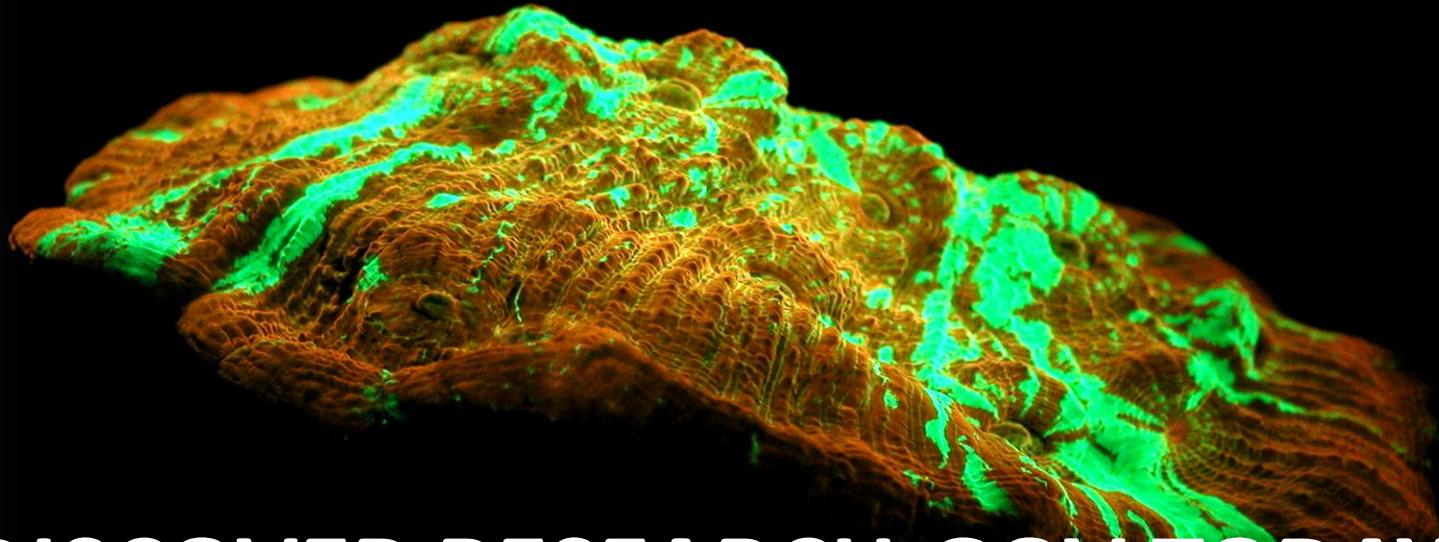
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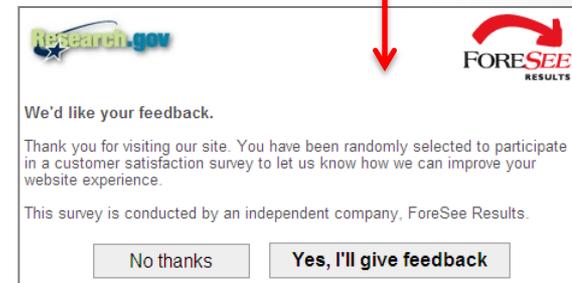
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Appendix: Project Report Pilot Phase I Organizations



- Appalachian State University
- College of Charleston
- Cornell University
- Hampton University
- Indiana University
- Refactored Materials

Appendix: Project Report Pilot Phase 2 Organizations



- Arizona State University
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Ohio State University
- University of Georgia Research Foundation Inc
- Syracuse University
- University of California-Irvine
- University of California-Los Angeles
- Georgia Southern University
- Georgia Southern University Research Foundation
- Northern Illinois University
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Maine Machias
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign