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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)
FASTLANE AND RESEARCH.GOV UPDATES

National Science Foundation (NSF) recently made changes to Fastlane and Research.gov. Research.gov is NSF's grants management system that provides easy access to research-related information and grants management services in one location. Research.gov is the modernization of FastLane, providing the next generation of grants management capabilities for the research community.

THE NEW CHANGES ARE:

1. NSF ID

The NSF ID is a unique numerical identifier assigned to users by NSF. The NSF ID may be used throughout NSF's electronic systems as a login ID and identification verification. NSF introduced a new centralized and streamlined account registration process in Research.gov for the research community that will provide each new user with a single profile and unique identifier (i.e., NSF ID) for signing in to FastLane and Research.gov for proposal and award activities.

A. EXISTING NSF ACCOUNTS

Existing NSF account will be migrated to the new account management system through a simple, one-time operation when initially signing in to FastLane or Research.gov. You will be required to verify information to transfer it to the new system.

It is important to note that each user of NSF systems, (e.g., Fastlane and Research.gov) should not have more than one NSF ID. Users with more than one NSF ID should contact the NSF helpdesk immediately at (800) 673-6188 for assistance.

- **Don't Know Your ID** - If you are not sure if you have a NSF ID or don't remember it, you can access the NSF ID Lookup page at
  https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/researchadmin/nsfIdLookupRead.do

- **Password Resets -** We can no longer reset NSF passwords. If you have forgotten your password, please refer to
  https://identity.research.gov/sso/ui/NSFPWResetUserValidation?org=/research.

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WHY THIS ALERT?

This publication has been created to serve the purpose of informing researchers of new information, trends and concerns as they occur.

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B. New NSF Accounts

NSF will now allow users to create and manage their own accounts. The Office of Research Administration can no longer create accounts and maintain profile information. Once an account is created, we will approve, disapprove, assign, and remove roles. To create a new account, please refer to instructions on our website at http://bit.ly/2Feq2rL.

2. Proposal Submissions via Research.gov

Beginning April 30, 2018, you will be able to prepare and submit proposals in Research.gov. **The initial release of this new Research.gov capability will run in parallel with FastLane.** Eventually, NSF will eliminate the use of Fastlane and will require proposal preparation and submission via Research.gov. The elimination date has not been determined.

Remember

For more information please refer to the NSF Guide at
https://www.research.gov/common/attachment/Desktop/Single_ID_Help.pdf#page=18