FastLane Migration to Research.gov

As part of NSF’s ongoing efforts to innovate and migrate proposal preparation and submission capabilities from FastLane to Research.gov (Important Notice No. 147), the Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO) has announced that proposal submissions for their “no-deadline” programs will migrate to Research.gov beginning with revised solicitations to be released in the near future.

This change is part of the ongoing NSF IT modernization effort and it is intended to provide the next generation of grants management capabilities for the research community.

Research.gov Proposal Submission System improves the user experience while also reducing administrative burden through an intuitive interface and is built on flexible system architecture with the ability to meet both users’ changing needs and emerging government requirements.
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In accordance with the modernization effort, BIO will implement a requirement for submission of full proposals via Research.gov or Grants.gov for the program solicitations listed below in the Division of Environmental Biology (DEB), the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS), the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences (MCB), and in the Research Resources Cluster of the Division of Biological Infrastructure (DBI). All of these represent the set of BIO solicitations that accept proposals at any time (i.e., have no deadlines).

This is the first phase in an eventual shift to require all proposals be submitted via Research.gov or Grants.gov.

This migration will not affect the merit review process in any way and additional technical support is available for those who are new to Research.gov and to those who encounter any issues with proposal preparation and submission.
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After a 90-day grace period, during which submissions are still allowed through FastLane, the new solicitations will no longer be available in FastLane and any new proposals must be submitted through Research.gov or Grants.gov.
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The programs with solicitations migrating from FastLane to Research.gov are:

**DBI**
- Infrastructure Capacity for Biology (ICB)
- Infrastructure Innovation for Biological Research (IIBR)
- Sustained Availability of Biological Infrastructure (SABI) Core Program

**DEB**
- Division of Environmental Biology (Core Programs) (DEB)

**IOS**
- Division of Integrative Organismal Systems Core Programs (IOS)
- Plant Biotic Interactions
- Plant Genome Research Program (PGRP)

**MCB**
- Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences: Investigator-initiated research projects (MCB)
- Transitions to Excellence in Molecular and Cellular Biosciences Research (Transitions)
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Additional information including FAQs and video tutorials are available on the Resarch.gov website if you click on the “About Proposal Preparation and Submission” webpage.

More information will be available in the coming weeks in the form of webinars and presentations on NSF's website, as well. You can register to receive alerts to these documents and activities should you so choose by going to https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNSF/subscriber/new.

Any specific questions can be targeted to NSF by emailing BIOnodeadline@nsf.gov.
Using Research.gov

You can use your NSF User Account to access Research.gov’s grants management services system as well as their partner agencies to help monitor proposal statuses, manage awards, and meet reporting requirements. All FastLane users are automatically registered for NSF User Accounts in Research.gov and can login using their NSF (FastLane) user ID and password.

Log into Research.gov using your NSF User Account:

1. Click on sign in, located in the upper right-hand corner of the site.

2. Sign in with your credentials.
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You will be redirected to a page where you will enter your NSF ID and password and click Login.
Preparing Proposals

Once you log in, you will click the “new prepare proposals” option under the “Prepare & Submit Proposals” button on the desktop home screen highlighted in yellow, below.
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Then, you will click “prepare new proposal.” For any questions on how to initiate a proposal, you can click the video tutorial located below this “prepare new proposal” button.

Similarly, you can click the “work on an in-progress proposal” if you are currently in the middle of preparing a proposal.
Proposal Status

The proposal status service is a grants management service that allows Sponsored Projects Officers (SPOs), Authorized Organizational Representatives (AORs), Principal Investigators (PIs) and co-Principal Investigators (co-PIs) the ability to check the up-to-date status of proposals submitted to NSF and partner agencies.

Proposal status will normally be available after assignment to a Program Officer for NSF applications and up to 5 days after the program deadline for USDA/NIFA applications.
Proposal Status

To view the status of your proposal(s), navigate to Research.gov and log in to view the proposal status dashboard page under the “prepare & submit proposals” section.

This dashboard page displays applications submitted to agencies for which you have activated your login account. Your role in Research.gov will determine the list of applications that are displayed.

You can click on each individual proposal to see the proposal details.
Thank you!

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