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Summary of National Science Foundation (NSF) Guidance on COVID-19

The following notes briefly summarize critical elements of federal guidance on COVID-19 released by the NSF as of the date listed above. These notes are not meant to be all-inclusive and the reader is advised to visit the linked guidelines for a comprehensive view of additional information released by the NSF.

[I. Main NSF COVID-19 webpage](#)

[II. Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) About the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) for National Science Foundation \(NSF\) Proposers and Awardees – NSF 20-053 – March 4, 2020](#)

Extensions to NSF Deadlines

- Researchers or sponsored projects office staff from organizations that have been directly affected and are unable to meet stated NSF deadlines should contact the cognizant NSF program officer to discuss the issue. NSF will consider extensions to the submission deadline on a case-by-case basis (and, in a few cases, on a program-by-program basis), understanding that it may be particularly difficult for individuals impacted to contact NSF. See NSF [PAPPG](#) Chapter I.F for additional information on procedures for submitting such requests.

[III. National Science Foundation Statement on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) – March 9, 2020](#)

Impact of COVID-19 on NSF's acceptance and review of proposals

- NSF will continue to accept proposals. Unless announced on NSF's website (<https://www.nsf.gov/>), proposal deadlines, target dates, and submission windows remain unchanged. NSF will continue to review proposals using ad hoc reviews and virtual panels, enabling the agency to maintain a high-quality and timely merit review process.