## $\sim$ Please disseminate this information with those researchers in your department who may find it noteworthy $\sim$

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Dear Colleagues:

An important message from NSF:

The Foundation has issued a revision to <u>NSF's implementation</u> of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum (<u>M-20-17</u>), entitled, *Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations*. Revisions include:

- **Prior approval requirement waivers** (# 8) has been revised to update the specific situations that require NSF prior approval. Additional guidance also has been added for Major Facility Recipients;
- Extension of financial and other reporting (# 10) has been supplemented with information on the processing of payments via NSF's Award Cash Management Service; and
- Extension of closeout (# 12) has new guidance extending award closeout from 120 days to 180 days.

Questions about the policies described in the NSF Guidance should be directed to <u>policy@nsf.gov</u>. NSF is working to update existing FAQs and other resources to reflect NSF's new guidance and will keep you informed at: nsf.gov/coronavirus.

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