



Research.gov is NSF's New Home for Project Reporting

On March 18, 2013, the National Science Foundation (NSF) transferred all project reporting from FastLane to Research.gov. This means that Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs now use Research.gov to meet all NSF project reporting requirements, including submission of Final, Interim, and Annual Project Reports and the Project Outcomes Report. The new Project Reporting Dashboard makes it easier for PIs, Co-PIs, and Sponsored Project Office (SPO) staff to see which reports are due or overdue, and provides access to all reports submitted to NSF. Research.gov provides 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.

Annual and Final Project Reports

The new project reporting service in Research.gov meets the federal government's requirement that research agencies implement a new reporting format for research and research-related projects called the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR). The 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 new project reporting service will:

PIs/co-PIs use Research.gov to submit a Project Outcomes Report that:

- Be accessed from the Project Reporting Dashboard in Research.gov
- Use the new government-wide RPPR format, which is similar to the report format previously used in FastLane's Project Reports System
- Collect project report information in a more structured format
- Feature a rich text editor that supports common scientific characters and symbols
- Allow PDF upload of images, charts, and other complex graphics
- Eliminate the need for PIs and co-PIs to provide demographic data for project participants

- Is written for the general public in clear, comprehensible language
- Describes the project outcomes or findings that address the intellectual merit and broader impacts of the work as defined in the NSF merit review criteria
- Includes up to six images (images are optional)
- Is posted exactly as submitted by the PI/co-PI with a disclaimer*

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PIs/co-PIs use Research.gov to submit a Project Outcomes Report that:

- Briefly summarizes the outcomes of the award in 200–800 words
- Is written for the public in non-technical, plain, understandable language
- Describes the project outcomes or findings that address the intellectual merit and broader impacts of the work as defined in the NSF merit review criteria
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- Includes no more than six images (optional)

Contact Information:

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their work by
uploading images
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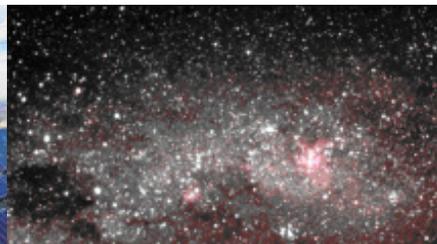
These examples are illustrative of future Project Outcomes Reports, but are not real reports



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