

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Request for Information (RFI) on National Science Board-National Science Foundation Merit Review Commission Review of NSF's Merit Review Policy and Processes; Correction**

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Request for information; correction.

SUMMARY: The National Science Board-National Science Foundation Commission on Merit Review (MRX) published a document in the **Federal Register** of August 26, 2024, concerning a Request for Information that seeks input from interested individuals and parties to inform the MRX's review of NSF's merit review policy and process. The document contained an incorrect date when responses are due.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Portia Flowers, 703-292-7000, pflowers@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Correction**

In the **Federal Register** of August 26, 2024, 89 FR 68473, on page 68473, in the second column, correct the "Dates" caption to read:

DATES:

Interested individuals and parties are invited to submit responses to this Request for Information on or before 5 p.m. eastern time on Friday, September 20, 2024.

Dated: September 4, 2024.

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Senior Counsel to the National Science Board.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request; NSF Non-Academic Research Internships for Graduate Students (INTERN) Program**

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the

proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, telephone 703-292-7556, or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays). Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: NSF INTERN Program Assessment.

OMB Number: 3145-0259.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: Fostering the growth of a globally competitive and diverse research workforce and advancing the scientific and innovation skills of the Nation is a strategic objective of the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Nation's global competitiveness depends critically on the readiness of the Nation's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) workforce and NSF seeks to continue to invest in programs that directly advance this workforce.

As part of this effort, NSF invests in a number of graduate student preparedness activities to ensure they

are well-prepared for the 21st century STEM Workforce and a supplemental funding opportunity is available to provide support for graduate students through non-academic research internships (INTERN Program) in any sector of the U.S. economy.

The goal of the INTERN program is three-fold:

1. To provide graduate students with the opportunity to augment their research assistantships with non-academic research internship activities and training opportunities that will complement their academic research training;

2. To allow graduate students to pursue activities aimed at acquiring professional development experience that will enhance their preparation for multiple career pathways after graduation; and

3. To encourage the participation of graduate students from groups that have traditionally been underrepresented and underserved in the STEM enterprise: women, persons with disabilities, African Americans/Blacks, Hispanic Americans, American Indian, and Alaska Natives.

Since 2017, the NSF's INTERN program has expanded with supports from other federal agency partners; as of March 2024, NSF has six (6) INTERN funding opportunities providing participants with direct access in exploring career pathways across various federal agencies and/or government laboratories:

- Non-Academic Research Internships for Graduate Students (INTERN) Supplemental Funding Opportunity (NSF 21-013)
- Research Internships for Graduate Students at Air Force Research Laboratory (NSF-AFRL INTERN) Supplemental Funding Opportunity (NSF 21-029)
- Non-Academic Research Internships for Graduate Students in Geothermal Energy Supplemental Funding Opportunity (Geothermal INTERN) (NSF 23-024)
- Directorate for Geosciences (GEO) Opportunity for Graduate Students Supplemental Funding to Link Geosciences and Human Health (GeoHealth INTERN) (NSF 23-112)
- Graduate Research Internships in Forensic Science and Criminal Justice Contexts (NSF-NIJ INTERN) Supplemental Funding Opportunity (NSF 23-150)
- Research Internships for Graduate Students at U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Army Research Laboratory and Ground Vehicle Systems Center