

NIH Grants Policy Statement

[The NIH Grants Policy Statement \(NIHGPS\)](#) makes available, in a single document, the policy requirements that serve as the terms and conditions of NIH grant awards. By accepting an award, grantees agree to comply with the requirements in the NIH Grants Policy Statement except where the notice of award states otherwise.

Significant Changes: [Significant Changes Table NIHGPS 2020.pdf](#)

Prior Approval Requirements: [8.1.2 Prior Approval Requirements](#)

This section of the NIH Grants Policy Statement describes the activities and/or expenditures that require NIH **prior approval**.

Any question about the need for **prior approval** for an activity or cost under a specific NIH award should be directed to the NIH Grants Management Officer or your RSP Grants Specialist.

[8.1.2.10 Foreign Component Added to a Grant to a Domestic or Foreign Organization](#)

Adding a foreign component under a grant to a domestic or foreign organization requires NIH prior approval.

- **[Foreign Component Definition](#)**

- The performance of any significant scientific element or segment of a project outside of the United States, either by the recipient or by a researcher employed by a foreign organization, whether or not grant funds are expended. Activities that would meet this definition include, but are not limited to, (1) the involvement of human subjects or animals, (2) extensive foreign travel by recipient project staff for the purpose of data collection, surveying, sampling, and similar activities, or (3) any activity of the recipient that may have an impact on U.S. foreign policy through involvement in the affairs or environment of a foreign country. Examples of other grant-related activities that may be significant are:
 - collaborations with investigators at a foreign site anticipated to result in co-authorship;
 - use of facilities or instrumentation at a foreign site; or
 - receipt of financial support or resources from a foreign entity.

Foreign travel for consultation is not considered a foreign component. (See [NIH Grants Policy Statement: 16 Grants to Foreign Organizations, International Organizations, and Domestic Grants with Foreign Components](#)).

NIH Grants Policy List of Changes <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/notices.htm>