# **Mentoring Plan Instructions**

Refer to [Chapter II D.2.i(i)](https://new.nsf.gov/policies/pappg/24-1/ch-2-proposal-preparation#ch2D2i-i) - Each proposal that requests funding to support postdoctoral scholars or graduate students must upload under "Mentoring Plan" in the supplementary documentation section of Research.gov, a description of the mentoring activities that will be provided for such individuals.

**Notes:**

**If a Mentoring Plan is required, Research.gov will not permit submission of a proposal if the Plan is missing.**

## **Collaborative Proposals**

For purposes of meeting the mentoring requirement, simultaneously submitted collaborative proposals, and collaborative proposals that include subawards, constitute a single unified project. **Therefore, only one mentoring plan must be submitted for the entire project**. [[PAPPG ftn38]](https://new.nsf.gov/policies/pappg/24-1/ch-2-proposal-preparation" \l "ftnref38)

## **Postdoctoral Researcher Functioning as Senior Personnel**

In situations where a postdoctoral researcher is listed in Section A of the NSF Budget, and is functioning in a Senior Personnel capacity (i.e., responsible for the scientific or technical direction of the project), a mentoring plan is not required [[PAPPG ftn39]](https://new.nsf.gov/policies/pappg/24-1/ch-2-proposal-preparation#ftnref39).

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| Resources: |
| [National Science Foundation Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG),](https://new.nsf.gov/policies/pappg/24-1) NSF 24-1 - effective May 20, 2024 |
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