



## Overview

[Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) is the Federal government's electronic proposal application system and is used to find and apply for Federal grants. It is the single access point for over 1,000 grant programs offered by the 26 Federal grant-making agencies. Grants.gov replaces paper applications with electronic forms and requires electronic submission of all applications. It is the central portal for grant announcements and submissions.

## Tips and Reminders Before you Start

- **START EARLY** – Allow at least one additional week for proposal preparation
- **DOWNLOAD SOFTWARE** – Grants.gov requires download of PureEdge Viewer to prepare application packages  
[http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply\\_for\\_grants.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp)
- **DO NOT REGISTER** – Rensselaer is registered with Grants.gov and only authorized representatives can submit proposals
- **MAC USERS** – You will need to download the Citrix software  
[http://www.grants.gov/resources/download\\_software.jsp#citrixnonwindow](http://www.grants.gov/resources/download_software.jsp#citrixnonwindow)
- **NO LOGIN IS REQUIRED**

## Instructions

[Grants.gov at Rensselaer](#)

[Finding Grant Opportunities](#)

[Downloading and Completing the Application](#)

## Specific Agency Instructions

### NIH

In order to submit a proposal to NIH via grants.gov, you must have an NIH Commons account. If you do not have an account, please email [grayp@rpi.edu](mailto:grayp@rpi.edu) to have your account set up.

- [TIPS for Investigators](#)
- [Avoiding Common Errors](#)
- [Transition Timeline](#)
- [Crosswalk from NIH 398 to SF424](#)
- [NIH Electronic Submission](#)
- [SF 424 \(R&R\) Application Electronic Submission Information](#)

### NSF

In order to submit a proposal to NSF via grants.gov, you must be Registered as a FastLane user. If you do not have a Fastlane user account, please email [grayp@rpi.edu](mailto:grayp@rpi.edu) to have your account set up.

- [NSF Grants.gov Application Guide](#)
- [NSF Implementation Strategy](#)
- [NSF Implementation FY2006 and Beyond](#)

## Additional Information and Resources

- [Grants.gov Website](#)
- [Grants.gov Resources](#)
- [Grants.gov Customer Support](#)
- [Pure Edge Support for the Mac](#)
- [IBM Mac Viewer Status](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)