Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for National Science Foundation (NSF) Panelists March 17, 2020

This document addresses questions for NSF panelists that may arise in relation to COVID-19. Given that COVID-19 and the associated impacts continue to evolve, reviewers are strongly encouraged to monitor NSF's website for updates.

NSF staff will contact reviewers who are scheduled to participate in an in-person review panel between March 16, 2020, and April 10, 2020, with information about new panel arrangements. Reviewers should anticipate that the panel will be virtual. Reviewers who are scheduled to participate in an in-person review panel after April 10, 2020, should expect notification from NSF staff approximately two weeks in advance of the panel about any changes to the panel.

NSF will assess the need to continue these steps at least every two weeks. NSF will determine guidance for two weeks at a time and will release that guidance by the preceding Monday.

1. I have concerns about traveling to a merit review panel at NSF. What should I do?

Contact the cognizant NSF program officer as soon as practicable. NSF will be flexible about accommodating virtual participation.

2. I have already booked my travel and accommodations. Will NSF reimburse me for these costs?

Panelists who wish to switch to virtual participation should immediately contact ADTRAV to cancel all reservations. ADTRAV can be reached by phone at (855) 417-4024 or by email to nsfpanel.travel@adtrav.com.

Panelists are responsible for the cancellation of room reservations in sufficient time to retain the deposits on personal credit cards. NSF will not be able to provide reimbursement for such charges. Panelists participating virtually will be compensated in accordance with NSF's standard policy for compensation of virtual meeting participants.