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Dear Conference Attendee:

This conference/workshop/symposium is supported all or in part by the National Science Foundation. The [NSF Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide](#) effective February 25, 2019 require us to provide all event attendees with information on the University of South Alabama policy on sexual and other forms of harassment, and how to report any violations of this policy.

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Sincerely,



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Referenced links:

- NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures
Guide: https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=papp
- Sexual Misconduct Policy & Compliant Resolution
Procedures: <https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/studentaffairs/titlenine/resources/sexual-misconduct-policy.pdf>
- Policy on Discrimination and/or
Harassment: <https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/financialaffairs/hr/resources/discriminationharassmentpolicy72412.pdf>
- File a complaint with the University of South
Alabama: <https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/60474/>
- NSF's Office of Diversity and Inclusion: programcomplaints@nsf.gov