NSF grant proposal formatting requirements at a glance (from GPG 13-1, pg. II-2)

Page setup:

- Paper size: Standard US 8 ½" x 11

- Margin: at least one (1) inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right)

- Include page numbers per section (e.g. bottom centered).

Font:

- Font type and size:

  - Arial, Courier New, or Palatino Linotype (Microsoft), or Helvetica or Palatino (Macintosh) at a font size of 10 points or larger;

  - Times New Roman at a font size of 11 points or larger; or

  - Computer Modern family of fonts at a font size of 11 points or larger.

- A font size of less than 10 points may only be used for mathematical formulas or equations, figures, table or diagram captions and when using a Symbol font to insert Greek letters or special characters. PIs are cautioned, however, that the text must still be readable.

Type density:

- No more than six lines of text within a vertical space of one inch.

- *In Word this means a minimum line spacing of 'exactly 12pt'. Make sure to check that ascenders and descenders don't run into each other (will depend on font and size). Consider using 13-14pt line spacing to improve readability.*