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In order to ensure the timely handling of proposals and fairness in comparing competing requests for funding, the Physical Anthropology Program is instituting two changes in the processing and review of Doctoral Dissertation Improvement (DDI) proposals (NSF 01-113; <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2001/nsf01113/nsf01113.htm>).

1. Proposals received after January 1, 2004 will be reviewed by a panel of experts in physical anthropology rather than soliciting reviews by mail. All proposals must be submitted through Fastlane. Please specify Program Announcement [NSF 01-113](#) on the cover sheet.
2. In order to insure that the panelists will have sufficient time to consider each proposal adequately, it is necessary to institute **DEADLINES** for the submission of proposals. These are not target dates.

**The annual deadlines will be February 9 and August 16, or the first Federal business day thereafter if the date falls on a weekend or a Federal holiday.** Federal holidays can be found at <http://www.opm.gov/fedhol/index.htm>. It is anticipated that the panels will meet in early April and early October of each year and PIs will be notified shortly thereafter

As always, please feel free to contact Mark L. Weiss, Ph.D., Program Director, Physical Anthropology ([mweiss@nsf.gov](mailto:mweiss@nsf.gov); 703-292-7321) if you have any questions.

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