



A Message from the Director of the National Science Foundation

Our doors are open, the coffee's brewing (or tea in my case) and NSF staff are eager to return to our mission of supporting the scientific and engineering research communities. As you well know, the path to discovery is improved through collaboration. The recent lapse in appropriations may have slowed our pace for a little while but, as always, we are committed to working with you to continue our vital mission.

Know that NSF's dedicated staff will do their best to get back on track as soon as possible. Because NSF is operating under a three-week continuing resolution, we will have to set priorities for what to do first. The agency will process the backlog of awards to universities and small businesses, reschedule cancelled merit review panels, fund facilities and renew oversight of those facilities and fund graduate student and postdoctoral fellowships. Stay up to date with new information like my [Notice to the Science and Engineering Community](#) on www.nsf.gov. We welcome good ideas for making rapid progress, whether from scientific organizations and societies or from individuals.



As stewards of NSF's mission to ensure the nation's prosperity, security, health and technological progress we know our work is critical to your work. Together, we can continue to achieve our goals. If you have any concerns, please get in touch through policy@nsf.gov.

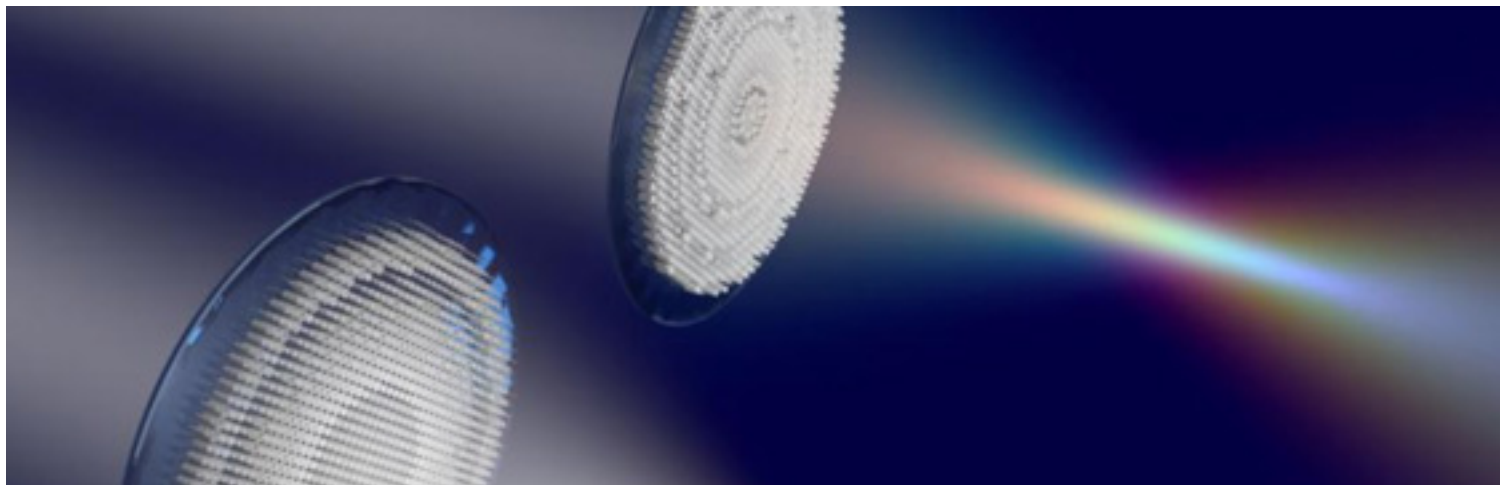
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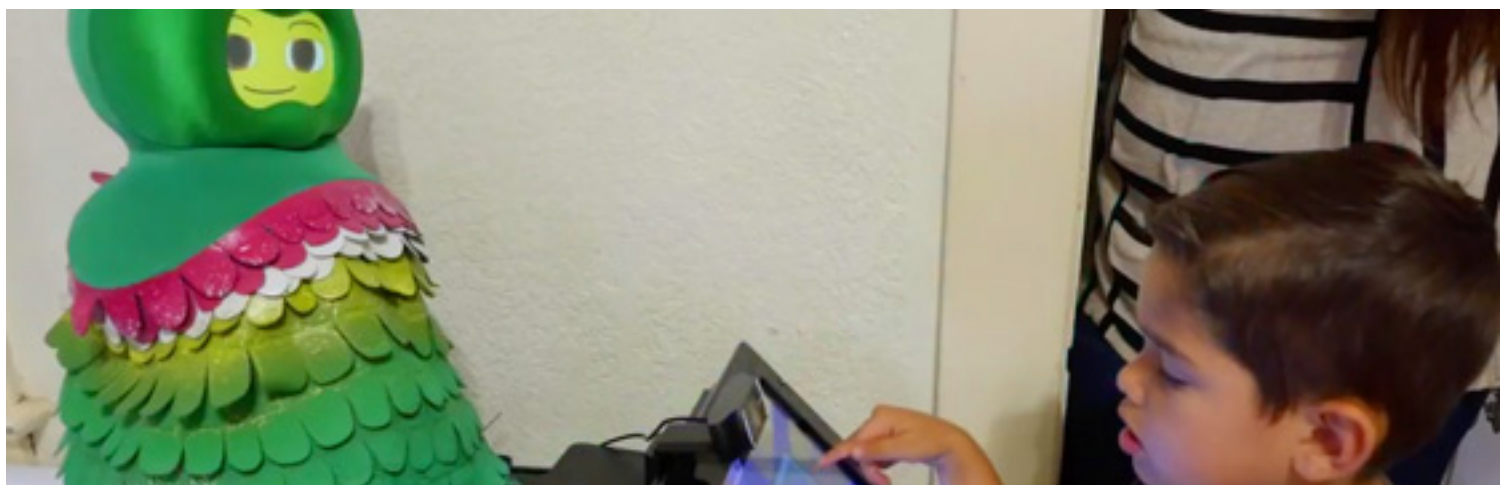
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