



A Message from the Director of the National Science Foundation

During my career, I've had the opportunity to witness the power of great partnerships. They are especially effective in science and engineering (S&E) fields, often accelerating innovation and multiplying outcomes. I'm proud of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) long history of working with private sector organizations, government agencies and philanthropic institutions to leverage federal resources to advance S&E research, education and training. These collaborations are helping change the pace and look of discoveries that are vital to our future.

This year, NSF has been fortunate to enter into several new partnerships. Our most recent was just announced at the end of September. To support the needs of the future workforce, Boeing Corporation will invest \$10 million to design and deploy online curricula to accelerate training in critical skill areas such as robotics, data science and artificial intelligence. As a complement to Boeing's contribution, NSF's Directorate for Education and Human Resources will invest \$10 million for research focused on re-skilling and improving the technical abilities of the nation's S&E workforce. Boeing will also contribute \$1 million to NSF INCLUDES, an initiative to broaden S&E participation and one of the agency's [10 Big Ideas](#). The funding will help support programs that address the needs of women returning to the S&E workforce, especially veterans. With this gift, Boeing becomes the first business to contribute at a national level to NSF INCLUDES.

NSF is grateful to Boeing for its commitment to the future of the S&E workforce in the U.S. and I encourage all of you to consider ways to partner with the agency. Together, we can enlarge our commitment to a future that is technically advanced and available to all.



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What's Next

Oct. 23-24 – Dr. France Córdova will discuss convergence at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

Nov. 1 – Dr. France Córdoba will discuss broadening participation at the Rosalind Franklin Society, Wistar Institute, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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