



THE NSF 2026 IDEA MACHINE

The NSF 2026 Idea Machine is a competition that asks the public to submit bold, original concepts to keep the United States at the forefront of innovation.

We're looking for exciting ideas for future themes in fundamental science, engineering and education research, that go beyond NSF's existing portfolio.

NSF will accept NSF 2026 Idea Machine entries from August 31 through October 26, 2018.

Here's how the NSF 2026 Idea Machine works:

1. Submit your entry at the NSF 2026 Idea Machine website, with a written description that outlines your vision, why it matters, and why now is the right time for NSF to invest in this area of research.
2. Science and engineering experts will evaluate entries, and ask those with promising concepts to elaborate on their ideas by submitting brief visual presentations, either through video or slide shows. The videos and written descriptions will be posted for public comment.
3. A group of external judges will interview selected entrants and recommend potential winning ideas to NSF.
4. NSF will choose up to four winning ideas. Each winning entry will receive cash prizes and/or public recognition.

Eligibility:

Contestants must be at least 14 years of age and either a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident or be residing in the U.S. as of September 1, 2018. Individuals and teams are welcome to apply. For more information, including guidelines, restrictions, full eligibility rules, and descriptions of NSF's current 10 Big Ideas, please visit the NSF 2026 Idea Machine website at http://bit.ly/NSF_IDEA_MACHINE.

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