



THE NSF 2026 **IDEA MACHINE**



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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 the NSF 2026 Idea Machine entries from approximately late August through late October 2018.

For more information, including guidelines, restrictions, eligibility, rules, and descriptions of NSF's current 10 Big Ideas, please visit the NSF 2026 Idea Machine website.

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