

DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

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It Has Been a Full Year





Updates From the Hill

American Rescue Plan

NSF received \$600 million to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

Since June 23:

- Approximately 266 awards made
- Roughly **\$91** million
- Highly-Impacted Groups
 - Women
 - Underrepresented Groups
 - Early Career Faculty
- Vulnerable Career Transition Points
- Broad Distribution
 - MSIs and less-affluent institutions
 - EPSCoR jurisdictions

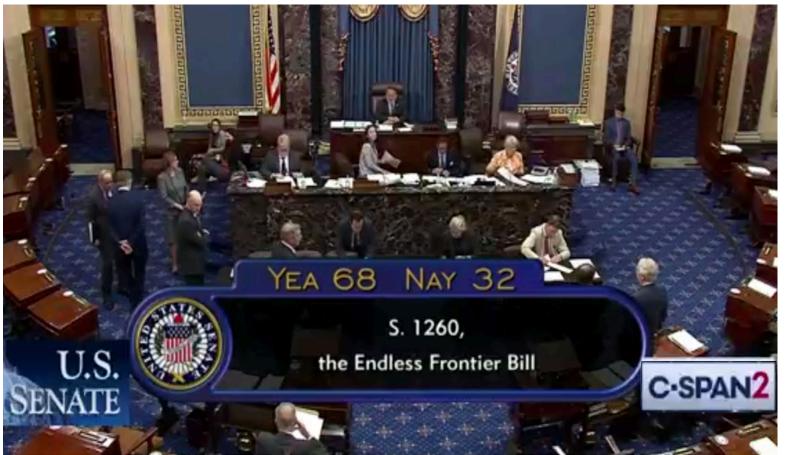
FY22

\$9.6 billion for NSF in FY22 – a **\$1.2** billion increase from FY21 enacted.

- R&RA: **\$7.7** billion
- EHR: **\$1.27** billion
- MREFC: \$249 million
- AOAM: \$390 million
- Support for TIP



United States Innovation and Competition Act (USICA)









Democrats and Republicans in Washington may have finally found an issue they can both support. Earlier in June, the U.S. Senate passed the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act (USICA) which proposes significant changes to science and technology policy with an eye to U.S. China policy. Approved by a surprisingly bipartisan 68-32 vote, the bill merges Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's (D-N.Y.) Endless Frontier Act and Sen. Robert Menendez's (D-N.J.) Strategic Competition Act. President Joe Biden has urged speedy passage of the bill in the House, where it's headed next.



NSF for the Future Act





THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

The first bill – the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the Future Act – passed on a vote of 345-67, and the second measure – the Department of Energy Science for the

Future Act - was approved 351-68.

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House Passes Bipartisan Bill to Boost Scientific Competitiveness, Following Senate

WASHINGTON—The House on Monday approved its version of a legislative package aimed at boosting U.S. scientific competitiveness to keep pace with China, setting the stage for final negotiations with the Senate, which passed its own \$250 billion bill earlier this month.

The House approved the main piece of its package by a vote of 345-67. That bill, known as the National Science Foundation for the Future Act, provides major increases for federally-funded science and technology research, and establishes a new division within the NSF for advanced technologies and other cutting-edge research.





"...the turning point for American leadership..."

Senator Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY)



"...the legislation of the future..."

- Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)



"...we built a brighter tomorrow for Americans..."

- Senator Todd Young (R-IN)



"...we must redouble our commitment to federal R&D..."

- Ranking Member Frank Lucas (OK-03)





ADVANCING SCIENCE AND TECH
TO ADDRESS NATIONAL NEEDS

EVERYWHERE

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AND COMPETITIVENESS



Climate Mitigation and Adaptation

1950s: **INTERNATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL YEAR**



1970s: **CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES**



1980s-1990s: THE TROPICAL OCEAN **GLOBAL ATMOSPHERE**



CLIMATE FORECASTING

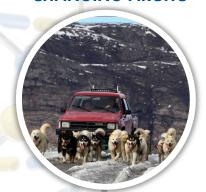
2010s: BIO **MANUFACTURING**



MANGO MATERIALS

STARTUP

2000s-2020s: **UNDERSTANDING** CHANGING ARCTIC





RESILIENT ARCTIC COMMUNITIES

CURRENT IMPACTS

NSF INVESTMENTS



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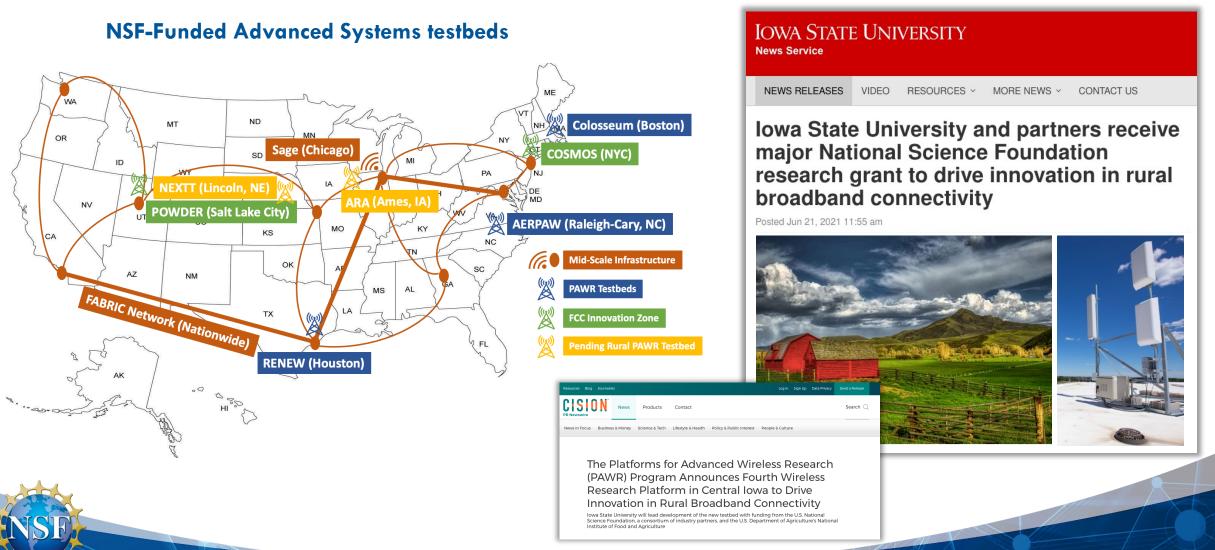


UBIQUITOUS ENERGY STARTUP





Platforms for Advanced Wireless Research (PAWR)



Broadening Participation/STEM Education

Women



Hispanic or Latino



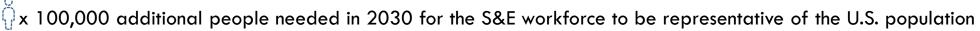
Black or African American



American Indian or Alaska Native









Broadening Participation/STEM Education: CCIC Winners

1st

Pasadena City College

Nano-Bioconjugate Immunotherapeutic

2nd

Borough of Manhattan Community College

Designing Virtual Reality Application for Autistic Children

 $\left(3^{rd}\right)$

Austin Community College

OASIS – the Officer Aptitude & Stress Information System





Broadening Participation/STEM Education: PREM Awards

- 1. NSF PREM for Vision of Excellence applying Navajo
 Traditions and Understanding with Research and Education
 in STEM (NSF PREM VENTURES)
- 2. NSF PREM for Fostering the Next Generation of Nanofiber Systems and Student Success
- 3. NSF PREM for Advanced Interface Materials
- 4. NSF PREM Southwest-Pacific Collaboration in Machine Learning Design, Synthesis and Applications of Metalorganic Hybrid Biomaterials
- 5. NSF PREM for Hybrid Nanoscale Systems
- 6. NSF PREM Center for Intelligent Materials Assembly (NSF PREM CIMA)
- 7. NSF PREM for Device Innovation through Inclusive Research and Education
- 8. NSF PREM for Innovations in Materials, Processes, and Applications for Quantum Technologies (NSF PREM IMPAQT)







Strengthening Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility

Discrimination, racism, or bias of any kind have no place at NSF, in the research community, or in any corner of science and engineering.

Executive Order 14035 of June 25, 2021

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Federal Workforce

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including sections 1104, 3301, and 3302 of title 5, United States Code, and in order to strengthen the Federal workforce by promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. On my first day in office, I signed Executive Order 13985 (Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government), which established that affirmatively advancing equity, civil rights, racial justice, and equal opportunity is the responsibility of the whole of our Government. To further advance equity within the Federal Government, this order establishes that it is the policy of my Administration to cultivate a workforce that draws from the full diversity of the Nation.

As the Nation's largest employer, the Federal Government must be a model for diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, where all employees are treated with dignity and respect. Accordingly, the Federal Government must strengthen its ability to recruit, hire, develop, promote, and retain our Nation's talent and remove barriers to equal opportunity. It must also provide resources and opportunities to strengthen and advance diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility across the Federal Government. The Federal Government should have a workforce that reflects the diversity of the American people. A growing body of evidence demonstrates that diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible workplaces yield higher-performing organizations.



Artificial Intelligence (AI)

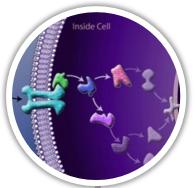
1970s: MACHINE LEARNING



1970s: NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING



1980s: BAYESIAN NETWORKS



1980s:
INTELLIGENT TUTORING
SYSTEMS



1990s: MEASURING FACIAL EXPRESSIONS IN SBE



CURRENT IMPACTS

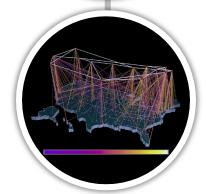
NSF INVESTMENTS



DEEPSCALE: VISION SYSTEMS FOR SELF-DRIVING CARS



SPEECH RECOGNITION SOFTWARE



MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS, TRAFFIC PREDICTION AND ROUTING, SPAM FILTERS



AI INSTITUTE FOR STUDENT-AI TEAMING



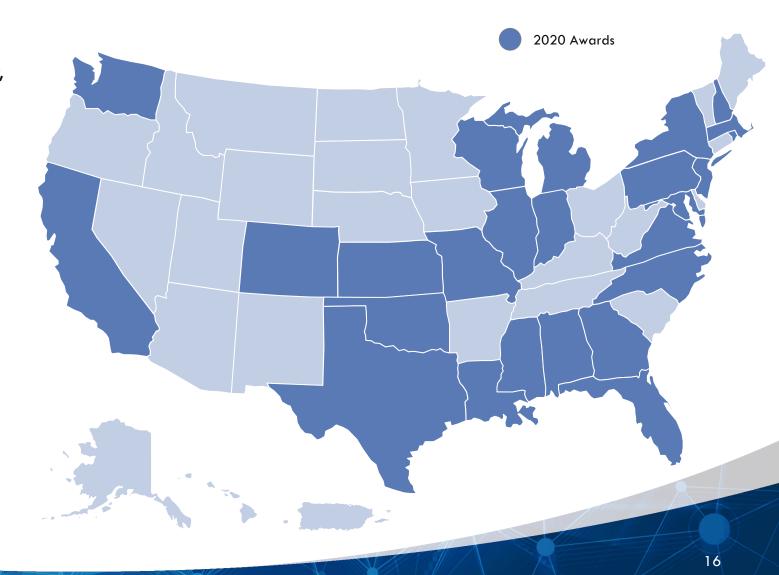
EMOTIENT STARTUP



Al Research Institutes

2020 AWARDS

- NSF Al Institute for Research on Trustworthy Al in Weather, Climate, and Coastal Oceanography
- NSF Al Institute for Foundations of Machine Learning
- USDA-NIFA Al Institute for Next Generation Food Systems
- USDA-NIFA Al Institute for Future Agricultural Resilience, Management, and Sustainability (AIFARMS)
- NSF Al Institute for Student-Al Teaming
- Molecule Maker Lab Institute (MMLI): NSF AI Institute for Molecular Discovery, Synthetic, and Manufacturing
- NSF Al Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Fundamental Interactions





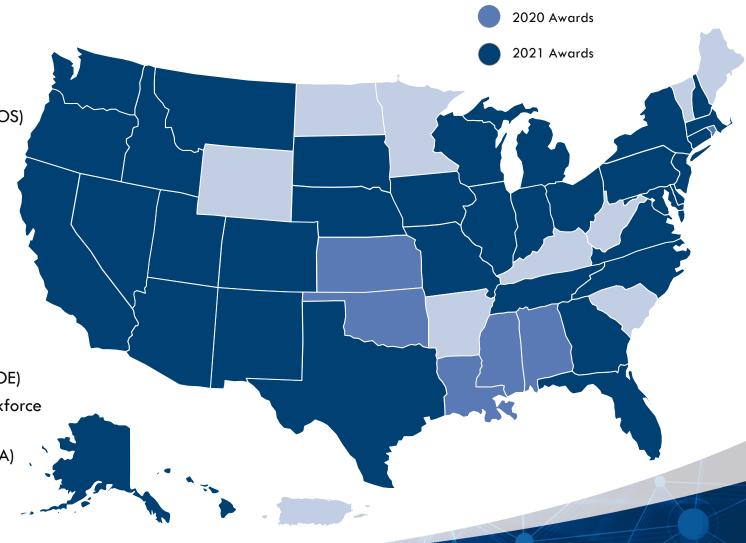
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2021 AWARDS

 NSF AI Institute for Collaborative Assistance and Responsive Interaction for Networked Groups (CARING)

NSF Al Institute for Learning-enabled Optimization at Scale (TILOS)

- NSF Al Institute for Optimization
- NSF Al Institute for Intelligent Cyberinfrastructure with Computational Learning in the Environment (ICICLE)
- NSF AI Institute for Future Edge Networks and Distributed Intelligence (AI-EDGE)
- NSF Al Institute for Edge Computing Leveraging Next-generation Networks (Athena)
- NSF Al Institute for Dynamic Systems
- NSF Al Institute for Engaged Learning
- NSF Al Institute for Adult Learning and Online Education (ALOE)
- USDA-NIFA AI Institute: Agricultural AI for Transforming Workforce and Decision Support (AgAID)
- USDA-NIFA Al Institute: Al Institute for Resilient Agriculture (AIIRA)



Engagement Highlights





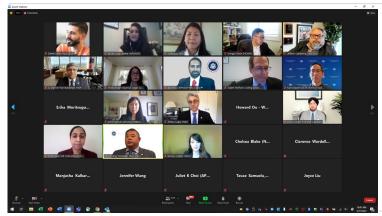


Juneteenth and Pride Month





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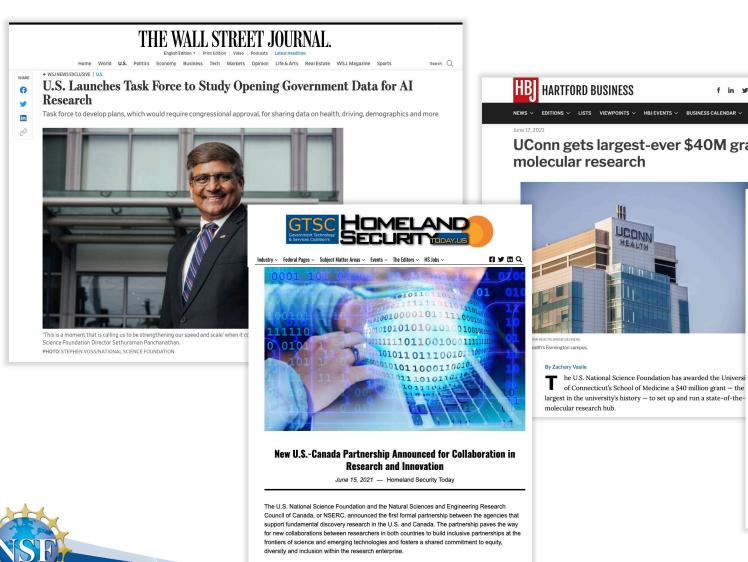
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NSF Town Hall Meeting



Expanding NSF's Reach



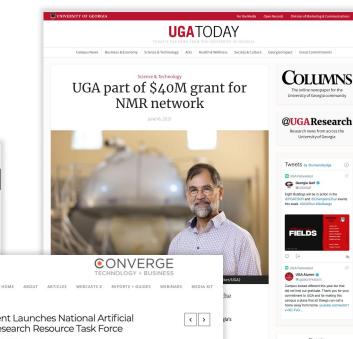




U.S. Government Launches National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource Task Force In Al by Olivier Blanchard / June 17, 2021 / Leave a Comment f 🗾 in 🛨



The News: The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) have announced the creation of the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource Task Force. As directed by Congress in the National Al Initiative Act of 2020, the Task Force will serve as a federal advisory committee entrusted with drafting a roadmap and implementing a blueprint for the National Al Research Resource (NAIRR). NAIRR will itself serve as a shared research infrastructure to provide Al





NSF: One of the Best Places to Work













