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To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; and to secure the national defense (NSF Act of 1950)



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Advancing discovery, innovation and education beyond the frontiers of current knowledge, and empowering future generations in science and engineering.

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