

Statutory Mission

To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; and to secure the national defense.

—From the *National Science Foundation Act of 1950*

Vision

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

—From *NSF Investing in America's Future, Strategic Plan FY 2006–2011*

NSF by the Numbers	
\$5.88 billion	FY 2007 Budget (obligations)
4%	NSF's share of total annual federal spending for research and development
45%	NSF's share of federal funding for nonmedical basic research at academic institutions
45,000	Proposals evaluated in FY 2007 through a competitive merit review process
11,500	Competitive awards funded in FY 2007
1,900	Colleges, universities, and public and private institutions receiving NSF funding in FY 2007
248,000	Proposal reviews conducted in FY 2007
43,000	Students supported by NSF Graduate Research Fellowships since 1952
190,000	People (researchers, postdoctoral fellows, trainees, teachers, and students) NSF supports directly



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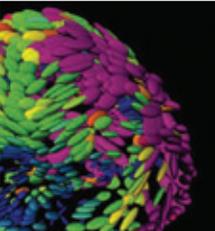
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