



About This Report

For fiscal year (FY) 2015, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is producing three reports to provide financial management and program performance information to demonstrate accountability to our stakeholders and the American public. These reports are produced in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-136, *Financial Reporting Requirements*, and meet the requirements of the CFO Act, as amended by the Government Management Reform Act of 1994 (GMRA), the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act of 1982 (FMFIA), the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000, and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010. All three reports are available on NSF’s website at www.nsf.gov/about/performance.

- This report, the **Agency Financial Report (AFR)**, focuses on financial management and accountability. It includes the results of NSF’s annual financial statement audit, management’s assurance statement, the NSF Inspector General’s (IG) memorandum on the agency’s FY 2016 management challenges, as well as management’s report on the progress made on the management challenges identified by the IG for FY 2015. The AFR also includes a brief discussion of the agency’s performance management framework.
- The **Annual Performance Report (APR)** will provide information on the progress NSF has made toward achieving its goals and objectives as described in the agency’s strategic plan and Annual Performance Plan, including the strategic objectives, performance goals, and Agency Priority Goals. The **APR** will be included in NSF’s *FY 2017 Budget Request to Congress*.
- NSF’s **Performance and Financial Highlights** report summarizes key financial and performance information from the **AFR** and **APR**.

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NSF by the Numbers	
\$7.3 billion	FY 2015 Appropriations (does not include mandatory accounts)
1,859	Colleges, universities, and other institutions receiving NSF funding in FY 2015
49,600	Proposals evaluated in FY 2015 through a competitive merit review process
12,000	Competitive awards funded in FY 2015
231,000	Proposal reviews conducted in FY 2015
350,000	Estimated number of people NSF supported directly in FY 2015 (researchers, postdoctoral fellows, trainees, teachers, and students)
51,800	Students supported by NSF Graduate Research Fellowships since 1952