



About This Report

For fiscal year (FY) 2017, 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 Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010. All three reports are available on NSF's website as they are completed.¹

- 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 2018 management challenges, as well as management's report on the progress made on the management challenges identified by the IG for FY 2017.
- The **Annual Performance Report** (APR) provides 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 2019 Budget Request to Congress* in February 2018.
- NSF's **Performance and Financial Highlights** report summarizes key financial and performance information from the **AFR** and **APR**. This will be available on NSF's website when the *FY 2019 Budget Request to Congress* is published in February 2018.

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NSF by the Numbers	
\$7.5 billion	FY 2017 Appropriations (does not include mandatory accounts)
1,800	Colleges, universities, and other institutions receiving NSF funding in FY 2017
49,400	Proposals evaluated in FY 2017 through a competitive merit review process
11,500	Competitive awards funded in FY 2017
203,400	Proposal reviews conducted in FY 2017
353,000	Estimated number of people NSF supported directly in FY 2017 (researchers, postdoctoral fellows, trainees, teachers, and students)
55,700	Students supported by NSF Graduate Research Fellowships since 1952

¹ <https://www.nsf.gov/about/performance/>