

Statutory Mission

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

Vision

Enabling the Nation's future through discovery, learning and innovation. NSF investments—in people, in their ideas, and in the tools they use—will catalyze the progress in science and engineering needed to establish world leadership and secure the Nation's security, prosperity, and well-being.

NSF by the Numbers	
\$5.48 billion	FY 2005 Budget (obligations)
4%	NSF's share of total annual federal spending for research and development
48%	NSF's share of federal funding for nonmedical basic research at academic institutions
42,000	Proposals evaluated in FY 2005 through a competitive merit review process
9,800	Competitive awards funded in FY 2005
41,000	Scientists and engineers who evaluate proposals for NSF in a given year
246,000	Proposal reviews done in FY 2005
41,000	Students supported by NSF Graduate Research Fellowships since 1952
195,000	People (researchers, postdoctoral fellows, trainees, teachers, and students) NSF supports directly

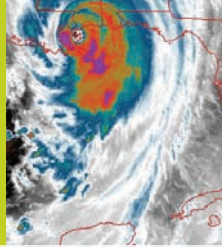
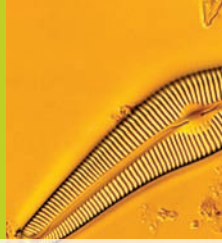


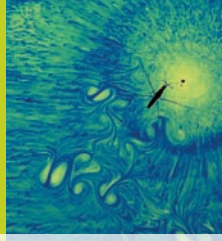
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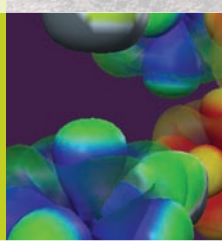


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