

## NSF Funding Profile

Approximately half of the awards supported in a particular fiscal year are competitively reviewed in that year through NSF's merit review process. Other awards are continuations of projects that were competitively reviewed in a prior year.

*Statistics for Competitive Awards:* The Funding Rate is the number of competitive awards made during a year as a percentage of total proposals competitively reviewed. This indicates the probability of receiving an award when submitting proposals to NSF.

*Statistics for Research Grants:* Research Grants are grants limited to research projects and exclude other categories of awards that fund infrastructure-type activities, which do not require multi-year support, such as equipment and conference awards. Annualized Award Size shows the annual level of research grants provided to awardees by dividing the total dollars of each award by the number of years over which it extends. Both the average and the median annualized award size for competitively reviewed awards are shown. Average Duration is the length of the award in years.

The Quantitative Data Tables, provided under a separate tab in this submission, are based on all proposals and awards, including competitive awards, contracts, cooperative agreements, supplements, and amendments to existing grants and contracts.

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	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Estimate
<b>Statistics for Competitive Awards</b>			
Number	11,445	11,530	13,000
Funding Rate	25%	24%	26%
<b>Statistics for Research Grants</b>			
Number of Research Grants	7,415	7,510	8,880
Funding Rate	22%	21%	23%
Median Annualized Award Size	\$109,900	\$118,165	\$123,575
Average Annualized Award Size	\$146,270	\$151,355	\$158,290
Average Duration (years)	2.9	3.0	3.0