

## *NSF Funding Profile*

Approximately half of the awards that are supported in a particular fiscal year are competitively reviewed in that year through NSF's merit review process. The other awards are continuations of projects that were competitively reviewed in a prior year. As shown in the Number of Competitive Awards, the Funding Rate is the number of competitive awards made during a year as a percentage of total proposals competitively reviewed. It indicates the probability of receiving an award when submitting proposals to NSF.

Research Grants are those limited to research projects and excludes other categories of awards that fund infrastructure-type activities such as equipment and conference awards, which do not require multi-year support.

The Annualized Award Size displays the average annual level of research grants provided to awardees. It is calculated 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 average length of time covered by the award, in years.

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

### NSF FUNDING PROFILE

	FY 2004 Estimate	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006 Estimate
<b>Statistics for Competitive Awards</b>			
Number	10,360	10,110	10,010
Funding Rate	24%	26%	27%
<b>Statistics for Research Grants</b>			
Number of Research Grants	6,430	6,170	6,310
Funding Rate	21%	20%	21%
Median Annualized Award Size	\$101,800	\$105,000	\$105,200
Average Annualized Award Size	\$139,640	\$137,100	\$136,800
Average Duration (yrs.)	3.0	3.0	3.0