

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. The 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 winning 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 2005 Estimate	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Request Estimate
Statistics for Competitive Awards			
Number	9,765	9,760	10,310
Funding Rate	23%	23%	24%
Statistics for Research Grants			
Number of Research Grants	6,185	6,190	6,760
Funding Rate	20%	20%	21%
Median Annualized Award Size	\$108,600	\$108,900	\$111,800
Average Annualized Award Size	\$143,700	\$143,000	\$148,300
Average Duration (years)	3.0	3.0	3.0