

NSF FUNDING PROFILE

The Funding Profile presents a high level, agency-wide estimate of proposal pressure, funding rates (or proposal “success”), and award statistics. These indicators are useful in gauging the relative impact of different funding levels.

Statistics for Competitive Awards: Competitive awards encompass the universe of NSF new activity in a given year. Examples include research grants, cooperative agreements, equipment, fellowships, and conferences.

Statistics for Research Grant Awards: Research Grant Awards are a sub-set of competitive awards. They are limited to research projects and exclude other categories of awards such as those for cooperative agreements, equipment, fellowships, and conferences.

The Number of Proposals is based on several factors, including past actual activity, planned competitions, and research trends within the various disciplinary communities. External factors, such as the state of the national economy and other sources of funding, also play a part. The Number of Awards is also based on several factors, including estimated funding and expected proposal pool. The Funding Rate is the number of 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. Annualized Award Size shows the annual level of research grant awards provided to awardees by dividing the total dollars of each award by the number of years over which it extends. Average Duration is the length of awards in years.

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	FY 2022 Actual Estimate	FY 2023 Base Estimate	FY 2024 Request Estimate
Statistics for Competitive Awards			
Number of Proposals	38,700	42,000	46,700
Number of Awards	10,900	11,200	12,900
Funding Rate	28%	27%	28%
Statistics for Research Grant Awards			
Number of Research Grant Proposals	32,100	37,000	40,900
Number of Research Grant Awards	8,700	9,400	10,800
Funding Rate	27%	25%	26%
Median Annualized Award Size	\$164,700	\$181,900	\$185,600
Average Annualized Award Size	\$214,500	\$239,700	\$245,800
Average Duration (years)	3.1	3.1	3.1

¹ Display excludes NSB, OIG, and staff offices.