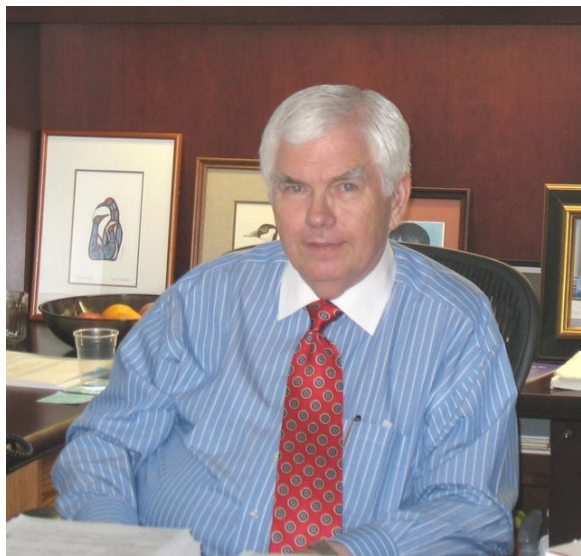


Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)



Henry Blount is Head of the Office that administers the National Science Foundation's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). EPSCoR is a program designed to fulfill the NSF's mandate to promote scientific progress nationwide. The EPSCoR program directs its resources at those states that have historically received lesser amounts of NSF Research and Development (R&D) funding. Through this program, NSF establishes partnerships with government, higher education and industry that are

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