

EPSCoR Overview and Funding Opportunities

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EPSCoR Aims to Increase Competitiveness by...

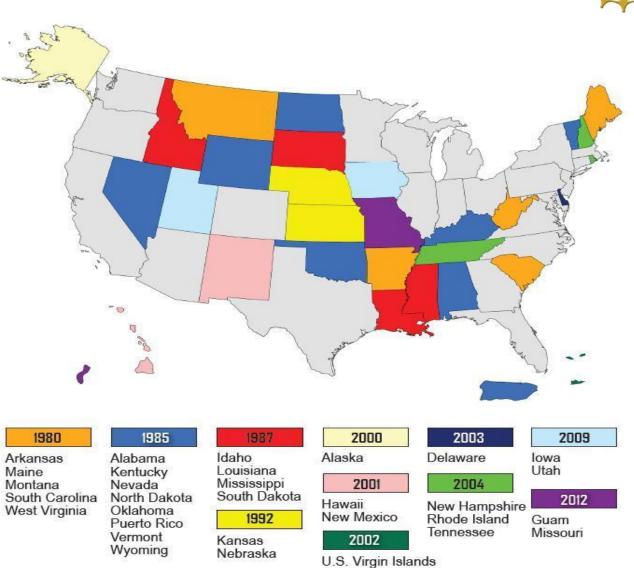
- 1. Catalyzing key research themes;
- 2. Promoting effective collaborations;
- 3. Broadening participation in STEM disciplines; and
- 4. Using EPSCoR as a programmatic testbed.

EPSCoR Jurisdictions



States and
 Territories that
 are awarded less
 than 0.75% of
 NSF research
 support funding

 Eligibility table updated annually and posted on EPSCoR website



EPSCoR Funding

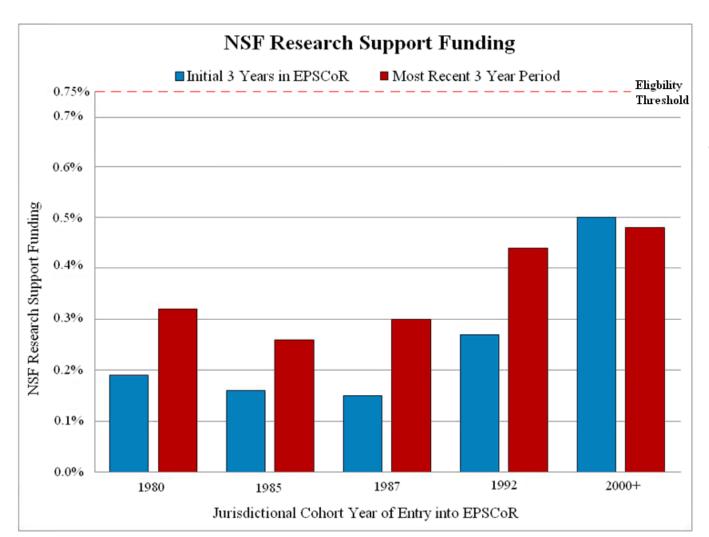


Activity	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
RII	91.3	100.2	106.2	110.6	116.3
Co-funding	41.1	45.4	39.4	38.8	30.8
Outreach & Workshops	0.5	1.5	1.2	1.5	0.5
Total	132.9	147.1	146.8	150.9	147.6

EPSCoR funding represents ~2.7% of NSF's overall research support (FY 2011-13)

NSF Funding by Cohort





VT in Context

- 1985 Cohort
- Initial three years in EPSCoR: 0.08% of NSF research funding.
- Most recent three years: 0.19%.
- Relative increase of ~138%

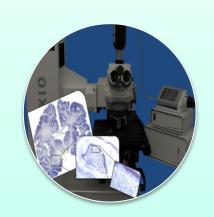








Education & Workforce



Economic Development

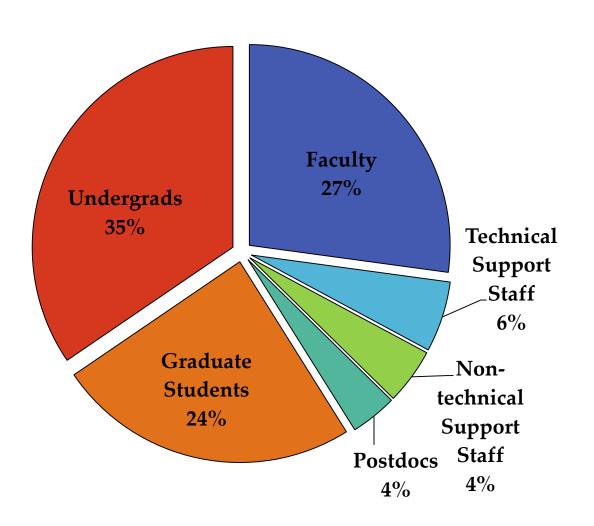


Quality of Life

Building Capacity

EPSCoR: Supporting Workforce Development





Over 5,500
people were
directly
supported
through
EPSCoR's RII
Track-1 awards
in FY 2013.

EPSCoR: Building STEM Capacity





EPSCoR-supported outreach efforts involved over 3,700 K-12 teachers and over 50,900 K-12 students across the nation in STEM activities in FY 2013.

EPSCoR Investment Tools



Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) Awards

• Supports physical, human, and cyber infrastructure at academic institutions in EPSCoR Jurisdictions

Co-Funding

- Joint support of research proposals submitted by EPSCoR-jurisdiction researchers to NSF programs
- PIs submit to NSF programs
- Meritorious proposals that require combined support due to budget limitations are reviewed by EPSCoR for possible co-funding; EPSCoR cofunds those that meet goals of increasing competitiveness and broader impacts

Outreach & Workshops

- Support of outreach activities by NSF program and professional staff; Support of strategic planning and capacity-building workshops
- "Science: Becoming the Messenger" workshop for researchers to communicate science research

FY13 Co-Funding

State	#	EPS \$	Total \$
AK	4	601,611	1,562,112
AL	11	1,851,399	4,280,166
AR	7	1,016,019	2,258,937
DE	6	1,113,132	2,752,763
HI	8	730,116	1,618,593
IA	9	1,365,253	2,911,967
ID	9	1,255,495	2,717,016
KS	4	508,806	1,060,582
KY	6	1,314,532	2,820,660
LA	9	1,603,520	8,317,439
ME	4	435,384	1,429,519
MO	11	1,694,546	4,310,824
MS	5	807,009	1,614,027
MT	10	1,455,902	4,853,441
ND	7	1,333,548	4,548,237

State	#	EPS\$	Total \$
NE	7	1,014,362	2,134,021
NH	5	682,500	1,559,929
NM	11	1,572,611	3,496,427
NV	5	437,287	1,129,983
OK	8	1,013,393	2,431,994
PR	2	225,291	500,310
RI	2	450,896	1,400,894
SC	13	1,661,283	4,115,422
SD	5	393,916	806,779
TN	20	1,902,405	5,210,511
UT	11	2,105,715	4,711,715
VI			
VT	2	229,186	458,373
WV	5	760,740	1,717,930
WY	6	831,132	2,594,993

Co-Funding Essentials



- Reviewed and Recommended for Funding within NSF Directorates and Offices
- Combined leveraged support necessary for funding
- Program Officers contact NSF EPSCoR Office via their Directorate/Office coordinator
- Some characteristics that favor Co-funding:

- New PIs - Collaborative

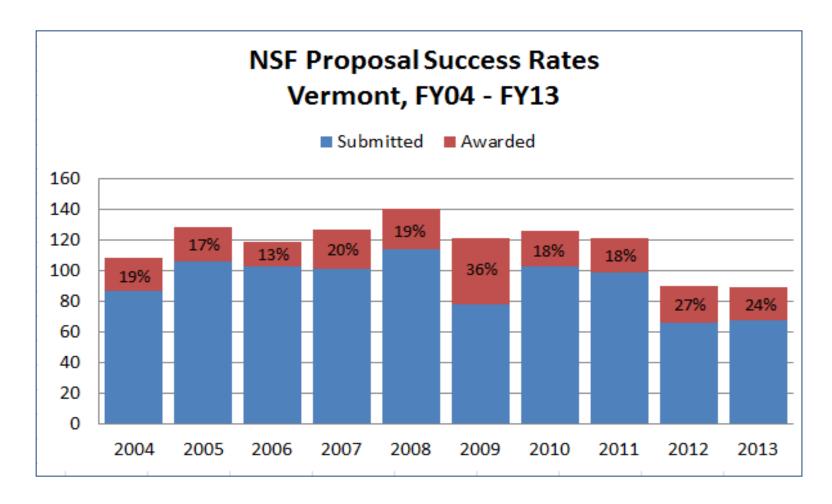
- Multidisciplinary - Synergistic w/ NSF

- Broaden participation - Instrumentation

- Research for Students/Teachers - Integration of R&E

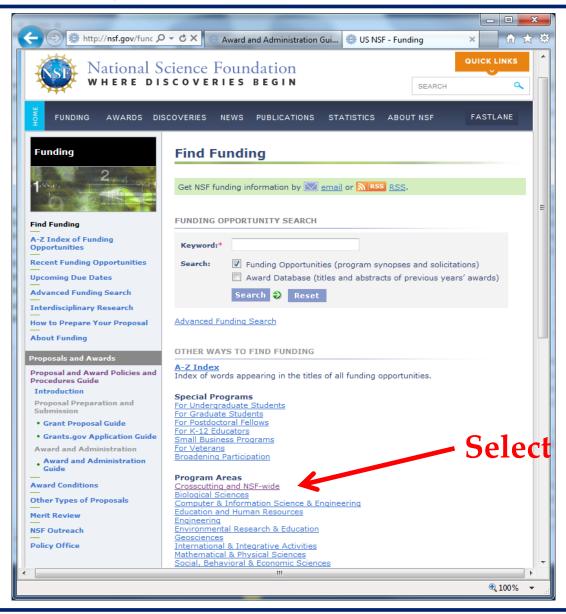
NSF Proposal Success Rates in Vermont





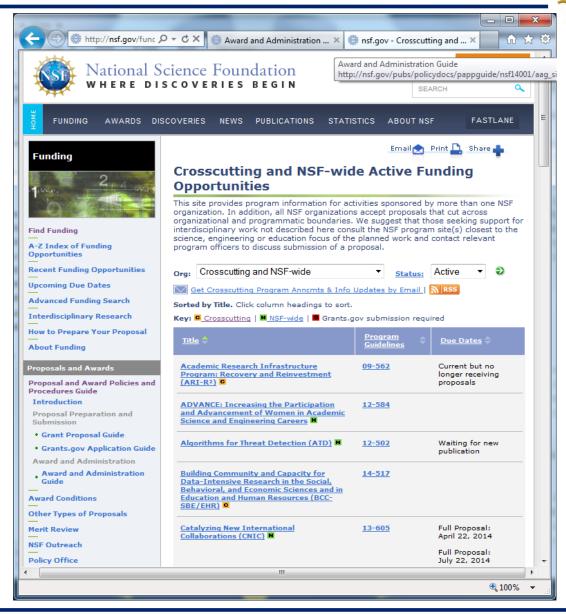
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Don't forget about Student and Postdoc Opportunities!

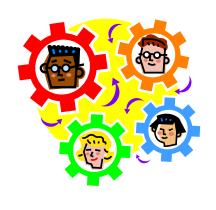


Highlights of Current NSF Opportunities



- Innovation/Entrepreneurship
- Workforce Development
- International Science and Engineering









Emphasis on Innovation/Entrepreneurship



Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) (*NSF 14-539***)**

Phase I: \$150k for 6 months—proof of concept

Phase II: \$750k for 2 years—advance technology towards commercial deployment

Small Business Technology Transfer Research (STTR) (NSF 14-540)

Phase I: \$225k for 1 year: Prove technical and commercial merit of innovation

Phase II: \$750k for 2 years: Develop product prototype

Innovation Corps (I-Corps Teams) (*NSF 12-602***)**

Supplemental support for NSF-funded researchers to accelerate innovation that can attract subsequent third-party funding. Public-Private partnerships

Emphasis on Workforce Development



Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) (NSF 13-584)

Up to three years of support for a research-based master's or doctoral degree.

SBE Post-doctoral Research Fellowships (SPRF) (NSF 12-591)

Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE)

- Broadening Participation (SPRF-BP)
- Interdisciplinary Research in Behavioral and Social Sciences (SPRF-IBSS)

Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) (NSF 14-532)

Junior faculty teacher-scholars who demonstrate outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research.

- Awards of \$400,000 for 5-years
- Doctoral degree awarded before proposal deadline
- Untenured until October 1 following the proposal deadline
- No previous CAREER award
- Tenure-track (or equivalent) at an accredited institution that awards degrees in a field supported by NSF or non-profit non-degree granting organization

Emphasis on International Opportunities



International Research Experiences for Students (IRES) (NSF 12-551)

Globally-engaged U.S. science and engineering students, active research participation by students

Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW)

Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) recipients Collaboration: NSF International Partners and USAID

Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) Science

Funding for collaborators in developing countries for joint projects. NSF researchers may receive supplements to existing awards Funded by USAID, administered by the National Academies of Science

Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE)

Catalyzes a higher level of international engagement in the U.S. science and engineering community by supporting projects in which research and education advances could not occur without international collaboration.

The EPSCoR Team at NSF



























Backup Slides

EPSCoR in Context



- Established by NSB Resolution in 1978
- Eligibility: States receiving less than 0.75% of NSF Research and Related Activities (R & RA) funding, averaged over three years
- Purpose: To build sustainable capacity of educational institutions in those states to compete more successfully in NSF and other research programs
- Active EPSCoR or EPSCoR-like programs in FIVE federal agencies



Workshops: Community Catalysis



Research Infrastructure Improvement



- State-based capacity-building research-driven program
- Governance led by State Committee, aligned with State S&T plan
- State co-investment
- Research driven; multidisciplinary
 - Multi-institutional
 - Close interaction between NSF and EPSCoR community
- Includes Education & Outreach, Economic Development, Broadening Participation

Managed cooperatively with NSF

- More reporting, more oversight
- Annual funding increment is contingent on satisfactory performance
- Please assist the state leadership and administrative team when they ask for information
 - YES we need it, YES it is a lot, YES we have firm deadlines