

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. 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 receiving 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 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Statistics for Competitive Awards			
Number of Proposals	44,415	48,400	49,700
Number of Awards	11,145	15,700	12,850
Regular Appropriation	11,145	11,600	12,850
ARRA ¹	-	4,100	-
Funding Rate	25%	32%	26%
Statistics for Research Grants			
Number of Research Grant Proposals	33,100	35,900	37,100
Number of Research Grant Awards	6,900	10,250	8,200
Regular Appropriation	6,900	7,250	8,200
ARRA ¹	-	3,000	-
Funding Rate	21%	29%	22%
Median Annualized Award Size	\$114,700	\$119,400	\$121,200
Average Annualized Award Size	\$142,800	\$151,650	\$154,600
Average Duration (years)	3.0	3.2	3.0

¹ American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.