

National Science Foundation Current Authorizations

(Dollars in Millions)

LEGISLATION	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Estimate	FY 2016 Request	Authorization Levels		
				FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (P.L.81-507)¹						
<i>Scholarships and Graduate Fellowships</i>				<i>within limits of funds made available for this purpose</i>		
<i>General Authority</i>				<i>within the limits of available appropriations</i>		
<i>Administering Provisions</i>				<i>to make such expenditures as may be necessary</i>		
<i>International Cooperation and Coordination with Foreign</i>				<i>within the limit of appropriated funds</i>		
<i>Policy</i>				<i>utilize appropriations available</i>		
<i>Contract Arrangements</i>						
SBIR and STTR reauthorized under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, (P.L. 112-81)						
<i>Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program²</i>	\$139.76	\$155.64	\$169.01	<i>2.8% of research funds in 2014, 2.9% in 2015, 3.0% in 2016</i>		
<i>Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program²</i>	\$20.24	\$21.47	\$25.35	<i>0.40% of research funds in 2014 and 2015, 0.45% in 2016</i>		

¹Organic language establishing NSF.

²SBIR and STTR are authorized through September 30, 2017.

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