

National Science Foundation Current Authorizations

(Dollars in Millions)

LEGISLATION	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Estimate	FY 2017 Request	Authorization Levels		
				FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
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 Policy</i>						<i>within the limit of appropriated funds</i>
<i>Contract Arrangements</i>						<i>utilize appropriations available</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>	\$156.28	\$163.97	\$186.97	<i>2.9% of research funds in 2015, 3.0% in 2016, 3.2% in 2017</i>		
<i>Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program²</i>	\$20.83	\$24.59	\$26.29	<i>0.40% of research funds in 2015, 0.45% in 2016 and 2017</i>		
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2015 (P.L. 114-52)³	*	*	*	\$9.68	\$9.68	\$9.68
<i>Engineering and the atmospheric sciences to improve the understanding of the behavior of windstorms and their impact on buildings, structures, and lifelines; and Economic and social factors influencing windstorm risk reduction measures.</i>						

¹ Organic legislation establishing NSF.

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

³ Budget levels noted with * were not available at the time of publishing the FY 2017 Budget Request.

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