

Summary Tables

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMARY FY 2026 BUDGET REQUEST TO CONGRESS

(Dollars in Millions)

	FY 2024	FY 2025 (TBD)	FY 2026 Request	Change over FY 2024 Current Plan	
	Current Plan			Amount	Percent
Operations and Maintenance of Major Facilities	\$1,065.73		\$745.00	-\$320.73	-30.1%
Major Research Facilities Construction Investments	\$190.13		\$243.00	\$52.87	27.8%
Construction, Acquisition, and Commissioning (MREFC) ¹	156.75		225.00	68.25	43.5%
Design Stage Activities ²	33.38		18.00	-15.38	-46.1%
Mid-scale Research Infrastructure³	\$160.83		\$43.06	-\$117.77	-73.2%
MREFC Mid-scale Research Infrastructure	76.25		25.00	-51.25	-67.2%
NSF-wide Mid-scale Research Infrastructure (R&RA)	40.05		-	-40.05	-100.0%
Directorate Midscale Research Infrastructure Programs	44.53		18.06	-26.47	-59.4%
Major Research Instrumentation (MRI)	\$31.17		\$20.00	-\$11.17	-35.8%
Polar Logistical and Infrastructure Support⁴	\$181.46		\$181.11	-\$0.35	-0.2%
CISE Network and Computational Resources Infrastructure and Services (NCRIS)	\$196.70		\$83.29	-\$113.41	-57.7%
Research Resources⁵	\$211.10		\$63.02	-\$148.08	-70.1%
BIO	60.90		6.00	-54.90	-90.1%
CISE	36.85		12.90	-23.95	-65.0%
GEO	66.15		15.26	-50.89	-76.9%
MPS	26.17		13.00	-13.17	-50.3%
SBE	15.05		6.00	-9.05	-60.1%
OPP	5.98		9.86	3.88	64.9%
Other Research Infrastructure	\$121.04		\$58.38	-\$62.66	-51.8%
Subtotal, Research Infrastructure Support	\$2,158.16		\$1,436.86	-\$721.30	-33.4%
Research Infrastructure Stewardship Offset	-0.22		-	0.22	-100.0%
RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL	\$2,157.94		\$1,436.86	-\$721.08	-33.4%

¹ Construction, Acquisition, and Commissioning are for implementation support provided through the MREFC account. FY 2026 MREFC funding is included for the Antarctic Infrastructure Recapitalization program, the Leadership Class Computing Facility, and Mid-scale Research Infrastructure (shown on the MREFC Mid-scale RI line below).

² Design Stage Activities include support for potential next generation major facilities. This line reflects FY 2024 funding amounts of \$3.88 million for the Antarctic Research Vessel (ARV), \$9.5 million for Summit Station, \$7.0 million for the Next Generation Very Large Array (ngVLA), and \$13.0 million for Extremely Large Telescopes (ELT), and FY 2026 funding amounts of \$12.0 million for Summit Station, and \$6.0 million for ngVLA.

³ NSF-wide Mid-scale Research Infrastructure is provided through both the R&RA account (total project cost is less than \$20.0 million) and the MREFC account (total project cost is greater than \$20.0 million).

⁴ Polar Logistical and Infrastructure Support includes funding for Arctic Logistics; U.S. Antarctic Logistical Support Activities (USALS); and Polar Environment, Health, and Safety (PEHS).

⁵ Funding for Research Resources includes support for the operation and maintenance of minor facilities, infrastructure and instrumentation, field stations, museum collections, etc.