

# EPSCoR PI Meeting: General Updates

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**NSF EPSCoR**  
ADVANCING GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY IN STEM



NSF Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)

# Meeting Agenda

12:00 – 12:20pm	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Alicia Knoedler, Office of Integrative Activities, Head	3:00 – 3:30pm	<b>NSF Office of Legislative &amp; Public Affairs (OLPA) Update</b> Robert Moller, OLPA Head
12:20 – 12:30pm	<b>General NSF EPSCoR Updates</b> EPSCoR Staff	3:30 – 4:00pm	<b>Award Management Update</b> Cartia Brown-Morgan, Grants Management Specialist, Division of Grants and Agreements (DGA), Budget, Finance and Award Management (BFA) Liz DeHart, Grant & Contract Cost Analyst, Division of Institution and Award Support (DIAS), Budget, Finance and Award Management (BFA)
12:30 – 1:15pm	<b>EPSCoR Keynote Address</b> Nianyi Li, Assistant Professor, School of Computing at Clemson University	4:00 – 4:30pm	<b>NSF Budget Update</b> Beth Blue, Branch Chief, Budget Division (BD), Budget, Finance and Award Management (BFA)
1:15 – 1:45pm	<b>Accelerating the Nation's Research Capacity through an EPSCoR Summit</b> Travis York, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Director, Center for STEM Education and Workforce	4:30 – 5:00pm	<b>Translation to Practice (TTP)</b> Mara Schindelholz, Program Director, Directorate for Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships
1:45 – 2:00pm	<b>BREAK</b>	5:00pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
2:00 – 2:50pm	<b>EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) Program Updates – Breakout Rooms with Program Lead</b> <b>E-CORE:</b> Chi-Chi Whitley, EPSCoR Program Director <b>E-RISE:</b> Casonry Johnson, EPSCoR Program Director <b>Focused EPSCoR Collaborations:</b> Jose Colom, EPSCoR Program Director <b>EPSCoR Research Fellows:</b> Hongmei Luo, EPSCoR Program Director <b>Bridging EPSCoR Communities:</b> Andrea Johnson, EPSCoR Program Director		
2:50 – 3:00pm	<b>BREAK</b>		

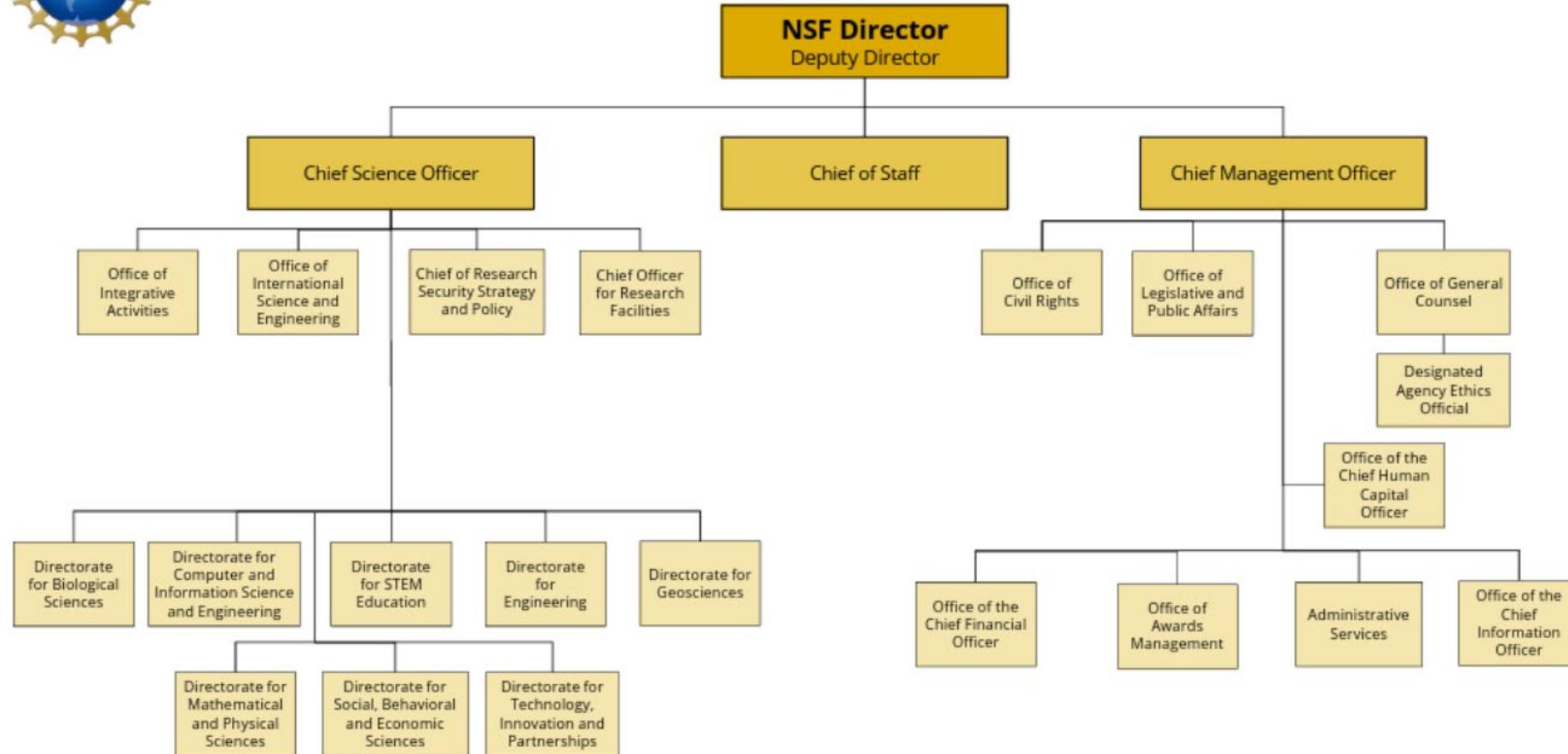


# NSF Reorganization



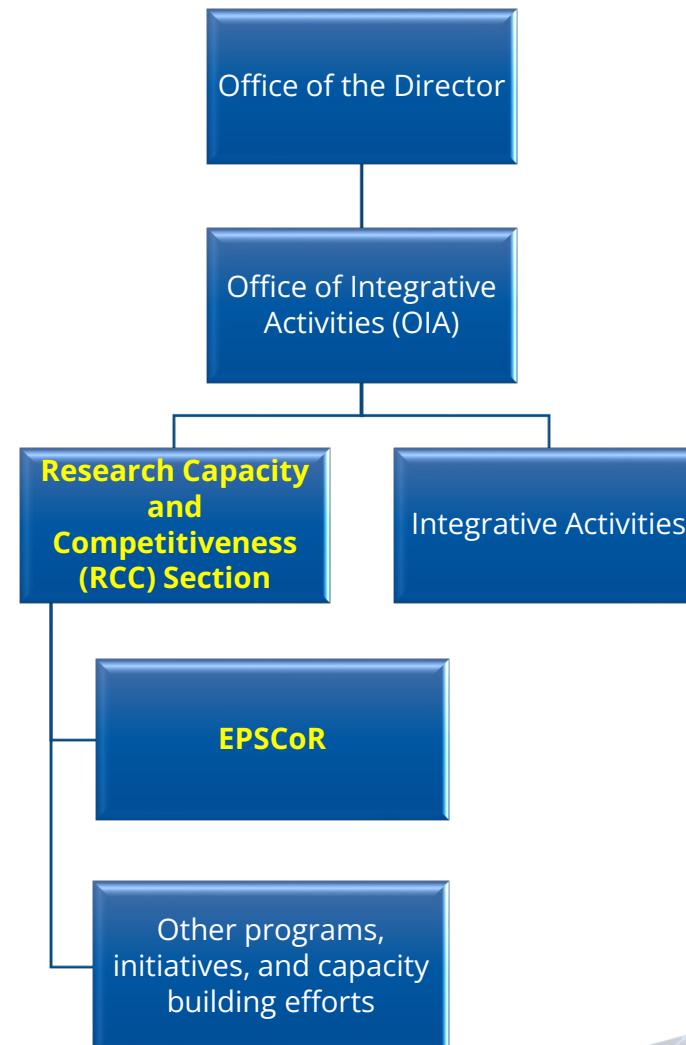
**U.S. National Science Foundation**  
12/14/2025 organizational structure

<https://www.nsf.gov/od/updates/nsf-announces-organizational-realignment>



# Research Capacity and Competitiveness Section (RCC)

- Section name change in January 2024
- Section name change is for NSF organizational structure needs and has no impact on EPSCoR mission, goals, or investment strategies
- The RCC Section supports the development and enhancement of STEM research capacity and competitiveness of individuals, institutions, states, territories, and regions historically underserved by NSF research and development funding



# FY26 RCC Team

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# FY25 EPSCoR Highlights



4 active RII investments: E-CORE, E-RISE, FEC, and ERF

RII Track-1 awards continue to be phased out



8 EPSCoR Live! events hosted

A mix of program webinars and critical topics for EPSCoR jurs.



120 awards co-funded with other NSF Directorates and Offices

\$33.5M from EPSCoR, for a total NSF investment of \$107.4M



20.5% of NSF funding went to EPSCoR jurisdictions

Well above the 16.5% benchmark in CHIPS & Science



3 Workshops awarded

Topics ranged across data science, fluid mechanics, and microplastics in coastal ecosystems.

# EPSCoR RII programs remain active in FY26

- FEC: [\*\*Solicitation 24-573\*\*](#), proposals due January 27, 2026
- ERF: [\*\*Solicitation 24-528\*\*](#), proposals due April 14, 2026
- E-CORE: [\*\*Solicitation 25-523\*\*](#), proposals due July 21, 2026
- E-RISE: [\*\*Solicitation 25-522\*\*](#), proposals due August 11, 2026

## Other EPSCoR-Relevant Funding Opportunities

- NSF EPSCoR Graduate Fellowship Program (EGFP), proposals due June 1, 2026
- EPSCoR workshops, proposals accepted anytime
- EPSCoR Office supplements
- All active NSF funding opportunities: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities>



# General Reminders

- Check the NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) for important updates: <https://www.nsf.gov/policies/pappg>
  - Current policy change document (NSF 26-200) now active
- All RII programs now using the EPSCoR Data Outcomes Collection System (EDOCS) for annual reporting requirements.
  - Have questions or need help? Contact [edocs-help@nsf.gov](mailto:edocs-help@nsf.gov)
- Active RII Track-1 projects with SVs or RSVs scheduled – these will be virtual in 2026



# General Requests

- Reach out to NSF when you have questions
- Get to know your cognizant Program Officer.
- Invite cognizant PO to jurisdiction All Hands Meeting.
- Consider serving as a reviewer for EPSCoR and other NSF programs. Volunteer through Research.gov
- [Sign up](#) for EPSCoR updates.
- Use the EPSCoR logos for media highlighting EPSCoR-supported work.



# Stay Connected

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