



# Regional Roles & Opportunities

## FROM IDEA TO IMPACT: JOIN THE NSF CONVERGENCE ACCELERATOR IN YOUR REGION TODAY!

The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) Convergence Accelerator is expanding to 10 regions to enhance national and regional competitiveness in research, innovation and workforce development. These 10 NSF Regional Convergence Accelerators will promote convergence research and innovation by connecting researchers, practitioners and stakeholders from various domains and sectors within each region to expand the innovation ecosystem and address pressing complex challenges.

Become a member of your NSF Regional Convergence Accelerator, where you'll gain access to a diverse network of collaborators, amplify your resources and advance innovative regional solutions.

### WHY JOIN US?

- **Regional Work for Regional Impact:** Help define complex challenges facing your region suitable for a multidisciplinary, convergence research approach. Play a pivotal role in addressing these challenges through cross-cutting partnerships delivering tangible, use-inspired solutions that benefit your region.
- **Access to a Dynamic Network:** Members will gain access to a diverse regional network of researchers, innovators and practitioners from various sectors, disciplines and expertise, creating opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange to foster a rich innovation environment.
- **Grow Your Regional Innovation Ecosystem:** Fuel your region's innovation ecosystem and propel its growth by embracing the NSF Convergence Accelerator's principles and program model. By fostering robust relationships among regional stakeholders, the NSF Regional Convergence Accelerator will expand the geography of innovation and enhance regional competitiveness in research, innovation, and workforce development.

# There are many opportunities to participate in your region's NSF Convergence Accelerator

## Regional Anchor

A dedicated organization with a wide depth and breadth of R&D program management, user-journey support as well as communication and outreach expertise. A Regional Anchor is committed to addressing complex challenges through cross-disciplinary collaboration, driving tangible solutions that benefit both the region and the nation. The Regional Anchor will collaborate with the national NSF Convergence Accelerator team to implement the program model.

## Regional Consortium Members

Regional researchers, innovators, practitioners and stakeholders with diverse areas of expertise interested in addressing regional complex challenges through the development of use-inspired solutions.

## Regional Research Teams

Teams representing a mix of disciplines, expertise, and organizations from academia, industry, non-profits, government, and other communities of practice interested in applying to and potentially receiving NSF Convergence Accelerator research funding from the Regional Anchor.

## Reviewers

National and regional experts proficient in business, scientific or technical domains and/or regional complex challenges who assist the NSF Regional Convergence Accelerator by evaluating the best research ideas and solutions.

## Coaches

National and regional experts familiar with the region's innovation ecosystem and proficient in innovation and commercialization processes as well as technical domains. Coaches advise and mentor awarded NSF Regional Convergence Accelerator research teams.

Ready to get involved?

Learn more about the regional roles and opportunities available at the NSF Convergence Accelerator at [new.nsf.gov/funding/initiatives/convergence-accelerator](https://new.nsf.gov/funding/initiatives/convergence-accelerator)

