



Scaling Innovation: NSF Convergence Accelerator Program Expansion

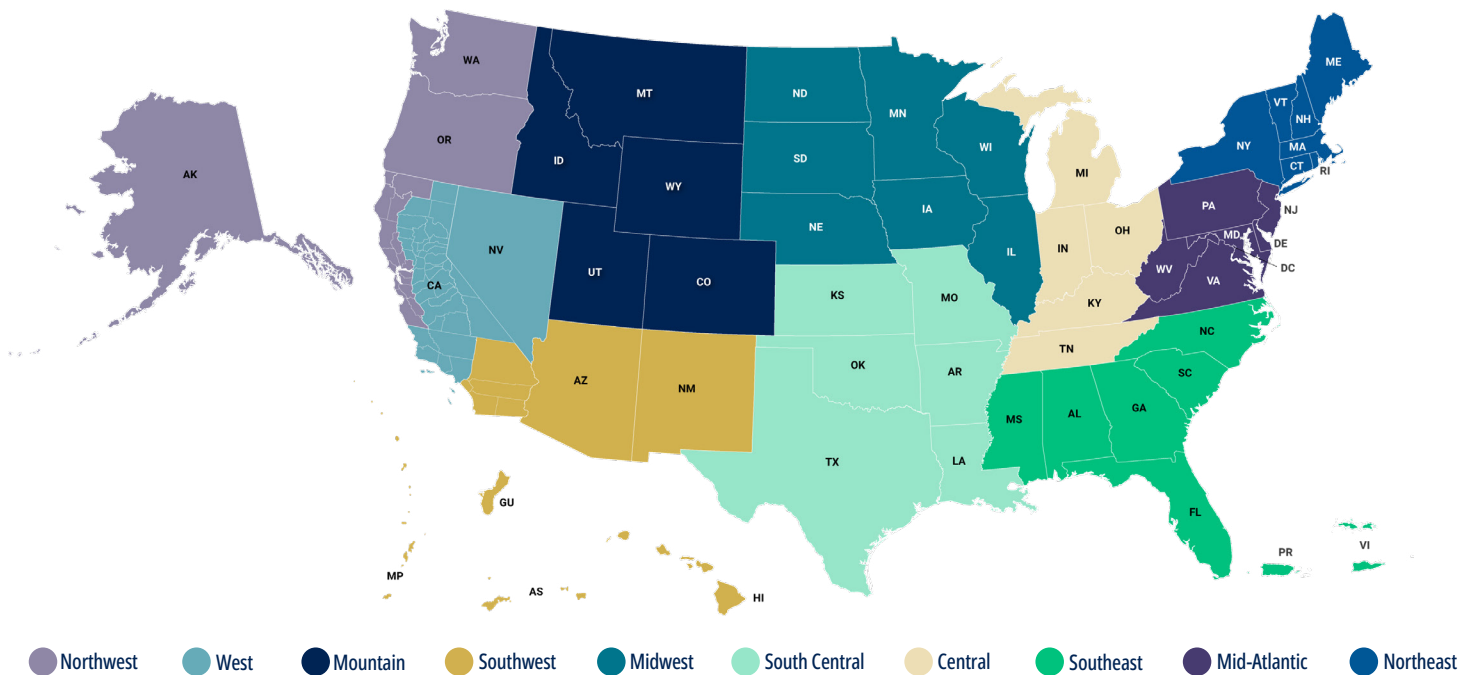
About the NSF Convergence Accelerator

Launched in 2019, the U.S. National Science Foundation Convergence Accelerator — a Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships program— builds upon NSF’s investment in basic research and discovery to accelerate solutions toward societal and economic impact. The program’s multidisciplinary teams use convergence research fundamentals and innovation processes to stimulate idea sharing and development of sustainable solutions.

The U.S. National Science Foundation is expanding the NSF Convergence Accelerator from a single NSF program to a national program, creating 10 regionally focused NSF Convergence Accelerators. These 10 NSF Regional Convergence Accelerators will promote convergence research by connecting researchers, practitioners and stakeholders from various domains and sectors across each region to expand the innovation ecosystem and address pressing societal and economic challenges within their regions while supporting the NSF Convergence Accelerator’s vision, mission and priorities.

Program Expansion Goals

- Implement the NSF Director’s vision of speed and scale by expanding the NSF Convergence Accelerator’s reach and NSF’s impact.
- Address regional and national societal and economic challenges through development of multidisciplinary teams, partners and use-inspired solutions.
- Stimulate innovation, discovery and research acceleration across the nation.
- Enable more organizations and people to benefit by distributing funds and resources to the regional level.
- Demonstrate NSF’s commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and access through broadening participation throughout each region.



To learn more about the NSF Convergence Accelerator Program Expansion and how to get involved, visit new.nsf.gov/funding/initiatives/convergence-accelerator/program-expansion-overview



Program Expansion Plan & Regional Engagement

Over the next three years, the NSF Convergence Accelerator will expand the program nationwide to 10 geographic regions. The first engagement opportunity is through a series of regional events to highlight the expansion and the opportunities the program offers to a wide range of regional stakeholders. These events will feature panel discussions and dynamic networking opportunities, while also providing detailed information on the program and opportunities for involvement in Regional Anchor and Consortium Member roles.

The NSF Convergence Accelerator stimulates research and innovation acceleration. The program's expansion will enable NSF to scale this focus throughout the nation and enable more individuals and organizations to benefit.

Douglas Maughan,

Section Head of the NSF Convergence Accelerator

NSF Convergence Accelerator Regional Expansion Events Schedule		Date
Midwest Region (MW)	North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois	May 2024
Southeast Region (SE)	North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands	July 2024
Northeast Region (NE)	Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York	November 2024
Southwest Region (SW)	Arizona, New Mexico, Hawaii, the U.S. Territories of Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa and the following counties of California: Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego	Winter 2025
Mid-Atlantic Region (MA)	Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey and the District of Columbia	Summer 2025
South Central Region (SC)	Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Kansas	Fall 2025
Northwest Region (NW)	Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and the following counties of California: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma and Trinity	Winter 2026
Central Region (CT)	Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee	Summer 2026
Mountain Region (MT)	Montana, Idaho, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming	Fall 2026
West Region (W)	Nevada and the following counties of California: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lassen, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Sierra, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura, Yolo and Yuba	Winter 2027

