

Membership Balance Plan
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INTEGRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Name

Advisory Committee for Integrative Activities (the Committee) #1373

2. Authority

This committee is established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. 10 and the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §1861 et. seq.

3. Mission/Function

To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation concerning research, education and other topics related to NSF's integrative activities.

The Committee provide advice on aspects of NSF's award portfolio.

The Committee may provide advice on the impact of research and research support.

The Committee may provide advice on program management, overall program balance, other aspects of program performance, and other topics related to the merit review process.

The Committee may provide advice on the impact of overall NSF-wide policies on the scientific community.

4. Points of View

The Committee consists of members who are appointed by the Head, OIA.

Primary considerations are:

- Members should have recognized pertinent knowledge, expertise, or demonstrated ability.
- Within reasonable limits, members' field of specialty should be complementary within the group.

Federal employee members will be designated as Regular Government Employees (RGEs) Individuals outside the Federal Government will be designated Special Government Employees (SGEs). The members will provide their own best independent judgment based on their individual expertise.

5. Other Balance Factors

To the extent practicable, other factors considered are:

- Qualified individuals reflecting small, medium, and large organizations, as well as public and private organizations
- Qualified individuals reflecting underrepresented groups, such as ethnic minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities
- Qualified individuals reflecting range of ages
- Qualified individuals reflecting different geographical areas

6. Candidate Identification Process

OIA staff will solicit suggestions for potential members from a wide range of sources, including but not limited to: NSF management, knowledgeable NSF program staff, other Federal agencies, and proposers.

Suggestions will be reviewed and potential candidates will be identified taking into consideration professional and personal qualifications, experience, and other balance factors. The best qualified candidates for each area will be identified. The resulting top candidates will be contacted for interest and availability

7. Subcommittee Balance

The process used to determine advisory committee member balance for the Committee will be used for subcommittees that may be created.

8. Other

There are currently no other known factors affecting the balance of the Committee.

9. Date Reviewed

This Membership Balance Plan was reviewed on 12 May 2023

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