



Supporting the National Science Foundation (NSF)



The National Science Foundation (NSF) plays a critical role in ensuring U.S. leadership in scientific and technological innovation—an essential element of our national defense. As global competitors, particularly China, continue to increase their investments in emerging technologies, the U.S. must respond decisively. NSF is the only federal agency solely dedicated to supporting research across all fields of science and engineering, making it indispensable to maintaining our innovation ecosystem and economic competitiveness.

While bipartisan majorities have authorized \$17.8 billion for NSF in FY26, funding has not kept pace with this vision. In FY24, NSF experienced a cut of over 8%. The FY26 request of at least \$9.9 billion simply restores NSF to its FY23 funding level and positions it to grow high-impact initiatives such as the Regional Innovation Engines.

SUNY FY26 NSF FUNDING REQUEST:

\$9.9 billion

FY25 NSF ENACTED FUNDING:

\$9.06 billion

SUNY IMPACT

In FY23, New York State received \$568 million in NSF funding to support groundbreaking research and workforce development. This investment supports scientists, students, and entrepreneurs across the state who are building the future of clean energy, advanced manufacturing, biotechnology, and more. Upstate New York is one of the 10 inaugural NSF Regional Innovation Engines led by Binghamton University, which aims to establish a tech-based, industry-driven hub for new battery componentry, safety testing and certification, pilot manufacturing, applications integration, workforce development and energy storage, including through material sourcing and recovery. The Engine was awarded up to \$15 million for the first two years, with potential of up to \$160 million over 10 years. This funding is matched nearly two to one by commitments from state and local governments, other federal agencies, philanthropy and private industry.

Additionally, NSF funds support approximately \$100 million in annual research expenditures across 20 SUNY campuses. Key recipients include:

- **Stony Brook University:**
\$39 million in estimated NSF research expenditures
- **University at Buffalo:**
\$34 million in estimated NSF research expenditures
- **Binghamton University:**
\$10 million in estimated NSF research expenditures
- **University at Albany:**
\$9 million in estimated NSF research expenditures
- **SUNY Geneseo and SUNY Oswego:**
\$2 million in estimated NSF research expenditures

These investments fuel innovation, job creation, and regional economic development, ensuring that New York remains a hub of scientific excellence.