



National Science Foundation (NSF)

The National Science Foundation is the cornerstone of America’s basic research enterprise. NSF is committed to the high-risk, fundamental, interdisciplinary, and ground-breaking research and education needed to ensure that the U.S. remains competitive in the decades ahead. NSF competitively awards grants to support research and education, as well as scientific equipment & infrastructure. NSF is a leader among federal agencies in its support of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.

AAU urges Congress to provide at least \$8 billion for the National Science Foundation in FY18

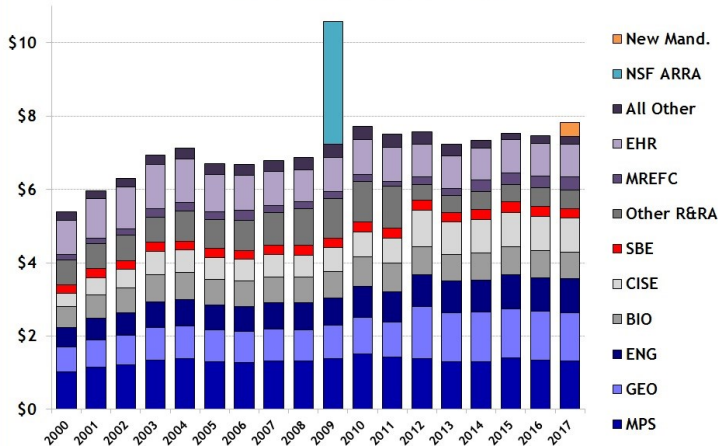
AAU strongly supports NSF’s mission of developing a STEM-capable workforce and a STEM-literate citizenry that can compete in the global marketplace. To remain globally competitive, continued federal investment in the following education programs are needed:

- Graduate Research Fellowships (GRF);
- NSF Research Traineeships (NRT); and
- Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE).

AAU encourages continued support for NSF-supported facilities and construction projects. The continued federal investment in major research equipment and infrastructure is essential if the U.S. is to remain globally competitive in science and technology.

National Science Foundation Budget

Budget Authority in billions of constant FY 2016 dollars



Source: AAAS, 2017

AAU strongly supports continued federal investment in merit-reviewed research across all fields of study, including: the Biology Sciences; Computer & Information Sciences; Engineering, Geosciences; Mathematical and Physical Sciences; and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

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innovation, and research
infrastructure to strengthen U.S.
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science, technology, engineering,
and educational research.***