

**PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN  
SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING  
FIELDS AND THE NSF TRIPODS  
INSTITUTES  
(*TRIPODS+X*)**

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# AGENDA

- Welcome from Directorate Leadership
  - **Deborah Lockhart (MPS)**
  - **James Kurose (CISE)**
- Overview of Program
  - **Nandini Kannan (DMS)**
- Solicitation Specific Requirements & Review Criteria
  - **Tracy Kimbrel (CCF)**
- TRIPODS+X NSF Directorates/Divisions
  - **Rahul Shah (CCF)**
- TRIPODS Institute contacts
  - **Christopher Stark (DMS)**
- Q&A



# TRIPODS OVERVIEW

## Transdisciplinary Research in Principles of Data Science

- Collaboration between the **Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS)** in the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS) and the **Division of Computing and Communication Foundations (CCF)** in the Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE)
- Addresses two of NSF's 10 Big Ideas
  - **“Harnessing Data for 21st Century Science and Engineering”**
  - **“Growing Convergent Research at NSF”**
- Focuses on the theoretical foundations of data science, --**core algorithmic, mathematical, and statistical principles.**



# HARNESSING THE DATA REVOLUTION (HDR) THEMES AND TRIPODS

- I. **Fundamental research in data-centric mathematics, statistics and computer science**
- II. **Fundamental research of data-centric algorithms** and systems
- III. **Data-driven research in all research domains**
- IV. Development of a robust, comprehensive, open, science-driven research cyberinfrastructure ecosystem
- V. **Creation of a 21st century data-capable workforce**

➤ **TRIPODS**

➤ **TRIPODS + X**

➤ **BOTH**



# TRIPODS GOAL

Transdisciplinary Research In Principles Of Data Science (TRIPODS) aims to bring together communities from **statistics, mathematics, and theoretical computer science** to develop the **theoretical foundations of data science** through institutes for **integrated research and training activities**.



# TRIPODS PHASE I

- **12 Small Collaborative Phase I Institutes pursuing fundamental research and training** in the theoretical foundations of data science, including significant involvement of all three communities. **Awards are approximately \$1.5M for three years.**
- **Developing capacity** toward **full-scale activities** for full Institute operations by operating as smaller Institutes
  - workshops
  - training of students & post doctoral fellows
  - workforce development
  - community building



# TRIPODS + X

- Expands scope beyond data science foundations engaging researchers across other disciplines
- **Data-driven research and education challenges motivated by applications**
- Other activities aimed at building robust data science communities



# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS, PROPOSAL PREPARATION, & REVIEW CRITERIA





# TRIPODS + X TRACKS

## ➤ **Education Track**

- up to \$200,000
- any or all educational levels

## ➤ **Research Track**

- up to \$600,000
- “research value” on both sides

## ➤ **Visioning Track**

- up to \$200,000
- community-building and direction-setting



# TRIPODS + X TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- One PI or co-PI **must represent a discipline other than the three TRIPODS disciplines** (mathematics, statistics, and theoretical computer science).
- One PI or co-PI **must be a member of one of the 12 TRIPODS teams.**



# PROPOSAL PREPARATION GUIDELINES

**Required Elements** (in addition to the requirements listed in the PAPPG [NSF 18-1](#))

- **Full proposals:** due May 29, 2018
- **Required: Project Coordination Plan**
  - Roles including expertise in “**X**” discipline
  - Plans for collaboration and coordination
  - Timeline
- **Required: letter from lead TRIPODS PI**



# PROPOSAL PREPARATION GUIDELINES

## Project Description

- For proposals submitted to the Visioning Track, the project description **should not exceed 8 pages.**
- For Research and Education Track projects, the **standard 15-page limits apply**



# SOLICITATION SPECIFIC REVIEW CRITERIA

## Convergence/Synergy

- Domain scientists and engineers and data science foundations researchers
- Emerging data-driven research challenges and/or educational needs
- Synergy between the groups
- Potential for intellectual merit on both sides



# SOLICITATION SPECIFIC REVIEW CRITERIA

## Quality and Value of Collaboration

- Project expertise is **complementary, and well-suited** to the research and training programs
- **Specific roles** of each collaborating investigator are made clear
- **Collective team's expertise**



# NSF ORGANIZATIONS, CONTACTS, AND AREAS OF INTEREST



# PARTICIPATING NSF ORGANIZATIONS

- **Directorate for Mathematical & Physical Sciences (MPS)**
  - Division of Mathematical Sciences (DMS)
  - Division of Astronomical Sciences (AST)
  - Division of Chemistry (CHE)
  - Division of Materials Research (DMR)
- **Directorate for Computer & Information Science & Engineering (CISE)**
  - Division of Computing and Communication Foundations (CCF)
  - Division of Information & Intelligent Systems (CNS)
  - Division of Computer and Network Systems (IIS)
- **Directorate for Engineering (ENG)**
  - Division of Civil, Mechanical and Manufacturing Innovation (CMMI)
  - Engineering Education and Centers (EEC)





# PARTICIPATING NSF ORGANIZATIONS

## ➤ **Directorate for Geosciences (GEO)**

Division of Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences  
(AGS)

Division of Earth Sciences (EAR)

Division of Ocean Sciences (OCE)

Office of Polar Programs (OPP)

## ➤ **Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE)**

Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES)

## ➤ **Office of Integrative Activities (OIA)**



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## MPS/AST

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- AST is interested in all projects that will engage foundational data scientists with astronomers to meet the need for access to and analysis of astronomical data of increasing size and complexity.
- In particular, priority is likely to be given to work that:
  - builds on existing efforts, such as the protocols and middleware of the Virtual Astronomical Observatory (VAO), or
  - promises to enhance and extend user-friendly interfaces using the principles of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), or
  - supports the haphazardly accumulating long tail of value-added smaller data sets, or
  - could lead to standardized access to diverse datasets not necessarily uniformly stored or described, or
  - works towards tools that ease the path to Multi-Messenger Astrophysics (MMA), or
  - offers innovative handling of real-time data streams for rapid response or data sieve applications, or
  - aims at any combination of these goals.



# DIVISION OF CHEMISTRY, MPS/CHE

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- **CHE is particularly interested** in research topics identified in the Dear Colleague Letter [NSF 17-112](#): Data-Driven Discovery Science in Chemistry (D3SC)
- CHE will only support projects submitted to the Research Track.



# DIVISION OF MATERIALS RESEARCH, MPS/DMR

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## ➤ DMR Areas of Interest

- Expanding Foundations to Discover Materials, Matter, and Related Phenomena
- Potentially transformative research to discover effective data-centric approaches to advance materials research:
  - Materials Synthesis
  - Microstructure-Property relationships
  - Choosing the “optimum” next data point/experiment
- Invent and develop best data analytics tools for materials research
- Interact with DMR projects
  - DMR Centers and facilities
  - Partnerships for Research and Education in Materials (PREMs)
  - Designing Materials to Revolutionize and Engineer our Future (DMREF)
- Join/Support emerging Materials Research Data Resource Network



# DIVISION OF COMPUTER AND NETWORK SYSTEMS CISE/CNS

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- computer system reliability and vulnerability
- resource orchestration in distributed systems
- knowledge base for compiler optimization
- middleware, operating system optimizations for system throughput
- analytics over system inputs for system design and system operations
- security assessment, prediction, and enhancement
  - behaviors of systems and individuals, organizations, and (social) networks
- network optimization
- soft fault localization, anomaly detection and outage prevention
- combined analytics/physical models for channel optimization
- cross-layer network optimization
- combined ML and model-based techniques
  - channel estimation; link-layer control; hand-off in cellular systems.



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- Machine Learning
- Data Integration, Fusion, and Management
- Data Modeling
- Data Visualization and Virtual Reality
- Data Science on Biological and Biomedical Data
- Data Science on Electronic Health Record Data
- Data Access, Privacy and Security
- Situation-aware Computing



# DIVISION OF CIVIL, MECHANICAL AND MANUFACTURING INNOVATION, ENG/CMMI

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- Natural Hazards
- Transportation
- Energy/Smart Grid





# ENGINEERING EDUCATION AND CENTERS ENG/EEC

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- Stimulate further advances in Engineering Research Centers (ERC) projects through productive collaborations with data scientists working on foundational data science in TRIPODS institutes



# DIRECTORATE FOR GEOSCIENCES, GEO

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- The **Office of Polar Programs (OPP)**: interdisciplinary research that focuses on how the components of the polar regions (land, atmosphere, ocean, sea and land ice, etc.) interact as a system, with feedbacks and unanticipated emergent properties. The Program also welcomes proposals related to polar astrophysics and geospace research.
- The **Division of Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences (AGS)**: fundamental science questions related to atmospheric and geospace research, including a wide variety of important processes that impact humans and society, such as space weather, tropospheric weather, physical & dynamic meteorology, climate, and air quality.
- The **Division of Earth Sciences (EAR)**: structure, composition, and evolution of the Earth, the interaction with life, and the processes that govern the formation and behavior of the Earth's materials. Earth Sciences interests includes the fields of "solid-earth" science (geology and paleontology, geochemistry, geophysics, continental hydrology, geomorphology, tectonics and geobiology.).
- The **Division of Ocean Sciences (OCE)**: advance understanding of all aspects of the global oceans and ocean basins, including their interactions with people and the integrated Earth system.



# DIVISION OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES SBE/SES

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- Health Related Data and Outcomes
- Cybercrimes
- Economic Transactions and Mechanisms
- Public Opinion Formation and Manipulation



# TRIPODS INSTITUTES AND CONTACTS



# TRIPODS PHASE I INSTITUTES

**WEBSITE:** [nsf-tripods.org](http://nsf-tripods.org)

- UA-TRIPODS: Building Theoretical Foundations for Data Sciences, **University of Arizona**
- Foundations of Model Driven Discovery from Massive Data, **Brown University**
- Berkeley Institute on the Foundations of Data Analysis, **University of California, Berkeley**
- TRIPODS: Towards a Unified Theory of Structure, Incompleteness and Uncertainty in Heterogeneous Graphs, **University of California, Santa Cruz**
- From Foundations to Practice of Data Science and Back, **Columbia University**
- TRIPODS: Data Science for Improved Decision-Making: Learning in the Context of Uncertainty, Causality, Privacy, and Network Structures, **Cornell University**



# TRIPODS PHASE I INSTITUTES

- Transdisciplinary Research Institute for Advancing Data Science (TRIAD), **Georgia Institute of Technology**
- Collaborative Research: TRIPODS Institute for Optimization and Learning, **Lehigh University, Northwestern University, State University of New York at Stony Brook**
- Institute for Foundations of Data Science (IFDS), **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
- Topology, Geometry, and Data Analysis (TGDA@OSU): Discovering Structure, Shape, and Dynamics in Data, **The Ohio State University**
- Algorithms for Data Science: Complexity, Scalability, and Robustness, **University of Washington**
- Institute for Foundations of Data Science, **University of Wisconsin-Madison**



# UA-TRIPODS

## UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

### ➤ **Foundational topics**

- machine learning, optimization, natural language processing, imaging science, dynamical systems
- dimensionality reduction, large-scale networks and graphs, theory of data visualization and interpretation
- Bayes methods for big data

### ➤ **Fields of Interest/Research Topics**

- astronomy, planetary sciences, optical sciences, LSST
- earth sciences-geoscience, atmospheric, ocean sciences
- life sciences – systems biology, genomics
- medical sciences-precision medicine, health informatics



# UA-TRIPODS

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# BROWN DATA SCIENCE INITIATIVE

## BROWN UNIVERSITY

### ➤ **Foundational topics**

- Foundations of Model-Driven Discovery from Massive Data
- Causality and Causal Inference
- Graphs and Networks
- Geometric and Topological Methods in Data Analysis

### ➤ **Fields of Interest/Research Topics**

- Medical image analysis
- Inferring structure of large networks from samples
- Causal structures in networks, e.g. gene regulatory networks, HIV transmission



# BROWN DATA SCIENCE INITIATIVE

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# FODA (FOUNDATIONS OF DATA ANALYSIS) UC BERKELEY

## ➤ **Foundational topics**

- Algorithms, inference, and fundamental tradeoffs
- Stability as a computational-inferential principle
- Data-driven computational mathematics

## ➤ **Fields of Interest/Research Topics**

- Combining science-based models with data-driven models
- Astronomy/cosmology
- Genetics and medical imaging
- Social sciences



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# TOWARDS A UNIFIED THEORY OF STRUCTURE, INCOMPLETENESS & UNCERTAINTY IN HETEROGENEOUS GRAPHS - UC SANTA CRUZ

## ➤ **Foundational topics**

- Statistical models for graphs
- Randomized algorithms
- Stochastic processes

## ➤ **Fields of Interest/Research Topics**

- Astronomy
- Biology
- Social science
- Privacy, Interpretability & Fairness
- Physical Sciences



# TOWARDS A UNIFIED THEORY OF STRUCTURE, INCOMPLETENESS & UNCERTAINTY IN HETEROGENEOUS GRAPHS - UC SANTA CRUZ

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# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY TRIPODS INSTITUTE COLUMBIA (CENTER FOR FOUNDATIONS OF DATA SCIENCE)

## ➤ **Foundational topics**

- Nonconvex Optimization
- Interactive Protocols for Learning
- Primitives for Efficient Computation

## ➤ **Fields of Interest/Research Topics**

- Physical sciences:
  - Astronomy, Chemistry, Materials
- Sensing and Imaging
- Health
- Smart Cities



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# CORNELL CENTER OF DATA SCIENCE FOR IMPROVED DECISION-MAKING CORNELL UNIVERSITY

## ➤ **Foundations Topics**

- Optimization, Statistics
- Counterfactual Inference
- Causality

## ➤ **Fields of Interest/Research Topic**

- Social Science
- Biology
- Robotics

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## ➤ **Foundational topics**

- Transcribing data with new models and mathematics integrates cutting edge *data-analysis techniques* with *dynamical modeling* methodologies
- New paradigms of *inference* take into account decentralized data and scalability of the corresponding algorithms.
- Efficient strategies with theoretical guarantees

## ➤ **Fields of Interest/Research Topics**

- engineering
- materials science
- biology
- and many more...



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# TRIPODS INSTITUTE FOR OPTIMIZATION AND LEARNING

## LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, SUNY STONY BROOK, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

- Foundational topics
  - Stochastic, chance-constrained and black-box optimization.
  - scalable algorithms for training large scale dnn, distributed computing
  - interplay between optimization and generalization, parameter-free approaches.
- Fields of Interest/Research Topics (examples of current projects)
  - Bioinformatics, protein alignment.
  - Applications of DNN and ML in
    - civil engineering (structural stability prediction)
    - chemical engineering
    - supply chain
    - renewable energy
    - physics and spectroscopy
  - Reinforcement learning and robotics,
  - Computer vision.



# TRIPODS INSTITUTE FOR OPTIMIZATION AND LEARNING

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# MIT INSTITUTE FOR FOUNDATIONS OF DATA SCIENCE

## MASSACHUSETTS INST. OF TECHNOLOGY

### ➤ **Foundational topics**

- Machine learning
- Efficient algorithms

### ➤ **Fields of Interest/Research Topics**

- Biology
- Computer Networks
- Health
- Social Sciences



# MIT INSTITUTE FOR FOUNDATIONS OF DATA SCIENCE

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# TGDA@OSU NSF TRIPODS CENTER

## The OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

- **Foundational topics**
  - Topological data analysis
  - Stochastic topology and topological statistical mechanics
  - Geometric Processing
- **Fields of Interest/Research Topics**
  - Materials Science
  - Social Science
  - Biology
  - Geometric Modeling
  - Geoscience



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# ALGORITHMIC FOUNDATIONS OF DATA SCIENCE INSTITUTE (ADSI) UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

## ➤ **Foundational topics**

- Machine learning
- Optimization theory and algorithms
- Complexity and robustness

## ➤ **Fields of Interest/Research Topics**

- Oceanography
- Robotics
- Earth Sciences
- Other areas leveraging the UW eScience Institute



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# INSTITUTE FOR FOUNDATIONS OF DATA SCIENCE (IFDS) @ U WISCONSIN-MADISON

## ➤ **Foundational topics**

- Machine learning, theoretical CS, optimization
- Mathematics
- Statistics

## ➤ **Fields of Interest/Research Topics**

- Cognitive neuroscience, cognitive psychology
- Network science
- Medical imaging
- Control systems, model predictive control
- Astronomy
- Power systems
- Biochemistry
- Protein and Genome Science
- Materials Science
- Atmospheric Science and Data Assimilation
- Natural Language Processing
- Evolutionary biology
- Computer Vision



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**QUESTIONS?**



# Q&A 1

- Q. Are there limits on the number of proposals submitted by PIs or institutions?
- A. There are no per-institution limits. The only limits are on the 12 teams of the current TRIPODS awards. Each team is limited to 5 proposals, with at most 3 in any one track.





# Q&A 2

- Q. Many, but not all divisions of NSF are listed as participating in TRIPODS + X. Does this imply that some areas are out of scope?
- A. All areas of research supported by NSF are welcome. Areas traditionally supported by the listed organizations will receive priority consideration.



# Q&A 3

- Q. Can the “X” (co-)PI be a computer scientist?
- A. Yes. Note that the Division of Computer and Network [https://www.nsf.gov/events/event\\_summ.jsp?cntn\\_id=244739](https://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=244739) Systems (CNS) and Division of Information and Intelligent Systems (IIS) are participating in TRIPODS+X.



# TRIPODS + X LINKS

➤ Program page:

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➤ Webinar page:

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