

# FAQS ABOUT CONTINUING RESEARCH AS AN NSF ROTATOR

## **May I continue my research while at the National Science Foundation?**

NSF has an Independent Research/Development (IR/D) program that permits individuals with approved IR/D plans to maintain involvement with their professional research. IR/D plans might include time, travel expenses, and research costs, and must be approved in advance (typically annually) by the supervisor and the human resources and legal staffs.

## **Can I submit a proposal for NSF funds as a rotator?**

You can only submit a proposal for NSF funds if it is a continuation or extension of previously funded NSF work. Certain other restrictions may apply.

## **While I am at NSF as a rotator, can I apply for funding from other Federal agencies?**

You can apply for funding from other Federal agencies if those agencies permit; however, NSF does place some restrictions on such funding. If you wish to pursue such funding, contact your Conflict of Interest Official for further guidance.

## **After I leave my rotator position, how long do I have to wait to apply for NSF funding?**

You can apply the very next day as the principal investigator, as long as you assign a substitute negotiator for 1 year.

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