



A Message from the Director of the National Science Foundation

Happy New Year! NSF has many reasons to look forward to 2016 and I am especially grateful for your energy towards making them possible. Your strong support of NSF during this last year reinforced the importance of NSF's mission to the nation and ensured that science, and scientists, will continue to drive where we fund research. With your help, language regarding directorate-specific allocations was not included in the final Consolidated Appropriations Act.

The Omnibus appropriations bill provides NSF a \$119 million increase over FY2015, bringing our total budget to \$7.5 billion for FY2016. The funding includes \$6 billion for NSF research and related activities as well as \$880 million for NSF's education directorate.



As we gear up for the FY2017 budget rollout, I ask that you continue to keep NSF on your "budget radar." We will continue to work with you to develop priorities within and across disciplines as we promote the importance of increasing investments in basic research and STEM education.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'France A. Cordova'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. France A. Córdoba
Director, National Science Foundation
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