

A Message from the Director of the National Science Foundation

In late May, I traveled to New Delhi, India, for the fifth Annual Meeting of the [Global Research Council](#) (GRC). The conference provided an opportunity to join the leaders of research agencies from nearly 50 countries to discuss policy issues and best practices for global collaboration. The enthusiasm and diligence displayed at the forum shows the commitment each country has toward improving the international science and engineering (S&E) enterprise.

Since its inception in 2012, the GRC has developed policy frameworks to guide national discussions on issues such as supporting the next generation of researchers, merit review, research integrity and open access to publications and data. This year, the GRC focused on collaboration among fields of scientific endeavor and the status of women in S&E research. Harnessing synergies between disciplines and fostering diverse talent through inclusive environments are integral to scientific discovery and innovation. With global research and development investment nearing the \$2 trillion mark, and realizing our collective role in contributing solutions to the world's challenges, we as a research community should continue to encourage openness and international collaboration.

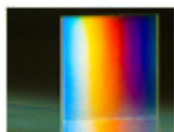


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