NSF-funded Research: Translational Impact and Innovation

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# Today's objectives



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- Deeper dive into translational-impact portfolio
- Lessons learned, capacity
- Imagining tomorrow's innovation ecosystem







**New industries** 

**Federal enterprise** 

**At-scale education** 

**Community services** 

**Future Education** 

#### In a recent 10-year period:

- 73 centers nationwide
- 203 research sites
- **37** states
- **1,630** students hired by members



 Catalyzes pre-competitive research through sustained engagement between industry, academics and government agencies

















#### Envisioning tomorrow's innovation ecosystem



LEADERSHIP

INDUSTRIES OF THE FUTURE INSTITUTES: A NEW MODEL FOR American Science and Technology "...The [Institutes] will [enable] tight coupling of multiple sectors [that] will enhance innovation across the spectrum of foundational to applied R&D by enabling rapid feedback and providing a clear pathway to translate discoveries to practice..."

"...we must take full advantage of [the] synergistic combination of philanthropic and government support for science ... government can and should cooperate and coordinate with philanthropy ... in the support of science..."





"Tackle scientific and technological challenges that cannot be efficiently addressed by standard organizational structures [and] benefit society broadly in ways that ... harbor opportunities for acceleration..."



## Envisioning tomorrow's innovation ecosystem



- Tackling grand societal challenges
- Diversifying the STEM workforce
- Leveraging "blended teams"



## Imagining innovation accelerators

- Use-inspired, challenge-driven, convergent
- Leveraging the virtuous cycle of foundational and use-inspired research
- Long-term, large-scale
- Public-private partnerships
- Innovation and technology transfer
- Education, workforce, diversity

Scalable growth: 2, 5, 10X



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## The seeds of a crosscutting emphasis



- Use-inspired, translation, and innovation are all part of our DNA
- Opportunity to elevate, enhance
- Drives our mission, our S&E enterprise, our future

