



About This Report

For fiscal year (FY) 2016, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is producing three reports to provide financial management and program performance information to demonstrate accountability to our stakeholders and the American public. These reports are produced in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-136, *Financial Reporting Requirements*, and meet the requirements of the CFO Act, as amended by the Government Management Reform Act of 1994 (GMRA), the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982 (FMFIA), the Reports Consolidation Act of 2000, and the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010. All three reports are available on NSF's website as they are completed.¹

- This report, the **Agency Financial Report** (AFR), focuses on financial management and accountability. It includes the results of NSF's annual financial statement audit, management's assurance statement, the NSF Inspector General's (IG) memorandum on the agency's FY 2017 management challenges, as well as management's report on the progress made on the management challenges identified by the IG for FY 2016. The AFR also includes a brief discussion of the agency's performance management framework. This FY 2016 AFR is being published in January 2017 due to a delay in the financial statement audit.
- The **Annual Performance Report** (APR) provides information on the progress NSF has made toward achieving its goals and objectives as described in the agency's strategic plan and Annual Performance Plan, including the strategic objectives, performance goals, and Agency Priority Goals. The **APR** will be included in NSF's *FY 2018 Budget Request to Congress*.
- NSF's **Performance and Financial Highlights** report summarizes key financial and performance information from the **AFR** and **APR**. This will be available on NSF's website when the *FY 2018 Budget Request to Congress* is published.

For copies of these reports, please send a request to accountability@nsf.gov. We welcome your suggestions on how we can make these reports more informative.

| NSF by the Numbers | |
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| \$7.5 billion | FY 2016 Appropriations (does not include mandatory accounts) |
| 1,883 | Colleges, universities, and other institutions receiving NSF funding in FY 2016 |
| 49,300 | Proposals evaluated in FY 2016 through a competitive merit review process |
| 11,900 | Competitive awards funded in FY 2016 |
| 225,000 | Proposal reviews conducted in FY 2016 |
| 362,000 | Estimated number of people NSF supported directly in FY 2016 (researchers, postdoctoral fellows, trainees, teachers, and students) |
| 53,800 | Students supported by NSF Graduate Research Fellowships since 1952 |

¹ <https://www.nsf.gov/about/performance/>