MISSION

To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; and to secure the national defense; and for other purposes.

—from The National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (P.L. 81-507)



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A nation that leads the world in science and engineering research and innovation, to the benefit of all, without barriers to participation.

—from "Leading the World in Discovery and Innovation, STEM talent Development and the Delivery of Benefits from Research" NSF Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2026