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NSF Funding Opportunities: Organizational and Individual Eligibility

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Agenda

- Organizational Eligibility and Categories of Proposers
- Types of Eligibility Limitations in Program Solicitations
- Other Types of Proposals with Eligibility Criteria
- Q&A

NSF Policy – Eligibility

Organizations that are eligible to submit proposals

- Institutions of Higher Education
  - Two- and four-year IHEs
  - IHEs located outside the United States
- Non-profit, Non-academic Organizations
  - Independent museums, observatories, research laboratories, professional societies, and similar organizations
- Tribal Nations

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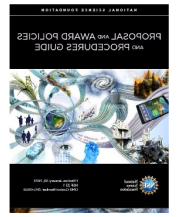
NSF Policy – Eligibility

Organizations that may be eligible to submit proposals

- For-profit Organizations
  - U.S.-based commercial organizations, including small businesses, with strong capabilities in scientific or engineering research or education and a passion for innovation.
- State and Local Governments
  - As programmatically necessary and identified in a program solicitation
- Foreign Organizations
  - NSF rarely provides direct funding support to foreign organizations
- Other Federal Agencies
  - NSF does not normally support research or education activities by scientists, engineers or educators employed by Federal agencies or FFRDCs.



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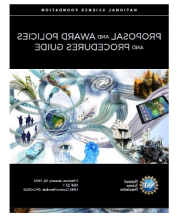
Unaffiliated Individuals

- Unaffiliated individuals are not eligible to receive direct funding from NSF
- Individuals submitting a proposal to an NSF Postdoctoral Fellowship program solicitation are not considered unaffiliated individuals.



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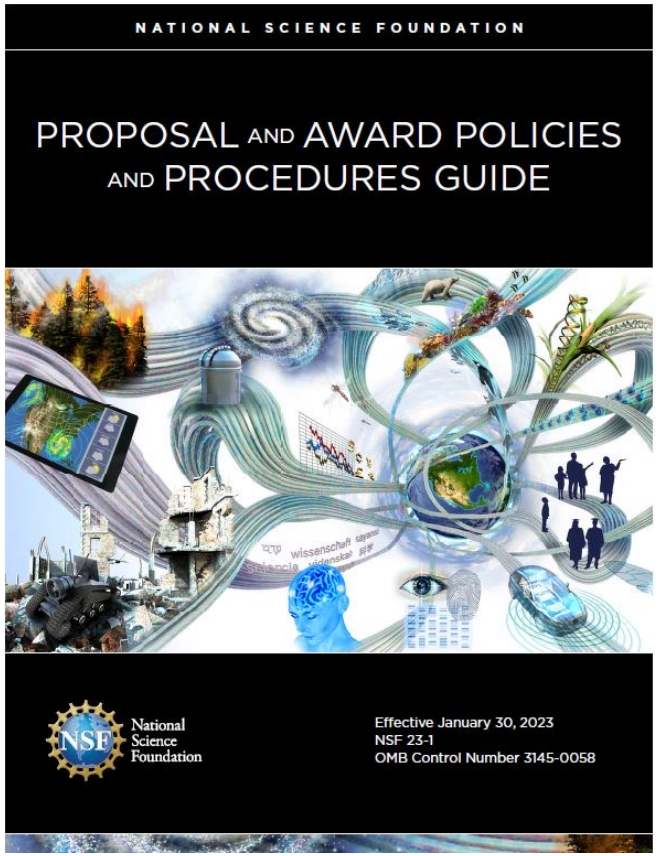
Program Solicitation Eligibility Limitations

- Limits on Organizational Eligibility
  - Restricted to a specific type(s) of organization
- Limits on PI Eligibility
  - May restrict to type of degree or disciplinary research area, tenure status, etc.
- Limits on Number of Proposals Submitted per Organization
  - Restricts total number of proposals per organization per competition
- Limits on Number of Proposals Submitted per PI
  - May restrict to number of proposals or subawards that a PI or co-PI may be associated with, number of proposals in a specified date range, or total number of submissions over a PI or co-PI's career
- Other Solicitation-Specific Eligibility Criteria

Other Types of Proposals with Eligibility Criteria

- Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI)
  - Organizational and PI eligibility
- Facilitation Awards for Scientists and Engineers with Disabilities (FASED)
  - PI and senior personnel eligibility – persons with disabilities
- Career Life Balance (CLB) Supplemental Funding Requests
  - Research awards
  - Postdoctoral fellows
  - GRFP recipients



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- **Policy Office Website**
  https://nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/
- **NSF Staff Directory**
  https://nsf.gov/staff/
- **Career Opportunities | National Science Foundation**
  https://beta.nsf.gov/careers