



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review Panel for Undergraduate Education; Committee Renewal

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Committee Management Renewal.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is renewing the committee for Proposal Review Panel for Undergraduate Education.

DATES: NSF approves the continuation of this committee on 4/20/2026. Effective date for renewal is June 26, 2026. For more information, please contact Crystal Robinson, NSF, at (703) 292-8687.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The NSF management officials having responsibility for the advisory committee listed below have determined that renewing this committee for another two years is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Director, National Science Foundation (NSF), by 42 USC 1861 et seq. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

Committee:

Proposal Review Panel for Undergraduate Education, **#1214**

Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. § 102-3.60(a), to establish, renew, reestablish, or merge a discretionary (agency discretion) advisory committee, an agency must first consult with the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat (the

Secretariat) and, as part of the consultation, provide a written public interest determination approved by the head of the agency to the Secretariat with a copy to the Office of Management and Budget. In addition, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. § 102-3.35, an agency shall follow the same consultation process and document in writing the same determination of need before creating a subcommittee under a discretionary committee that is not made up entirely of members of a parent advisory committee. Information on the following factors for the committee is provided to the Secretariat to demonstrate that renewing the committee is in the public interest:

1. Annual budget

\$556,500.00

a. Federal personnel on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis

7 FTE

b. Other Federal internal costs

\$0.00

c. Proposed payments to members

\$551,500

d. Proposed number of members

1,100

e. Reimbursable costs

\$5,000

2. If applicable, the total dollar value of grants expected to be recommended during the fiscal year.

\$195,190,613

3. Criteria for selecting members to ensure the committee has the necessary.

Based on expertise in scientific, mathematical, and engineering disciplines. Members are chosen to reflect a broad range of perspectives and backgrounds. We include participants from across the United States and its territories, representing a wide variety of institutions such as two-year colleges, liberal arts colleges, comprehensive universities, doctoral and research universities, industry, and scientific laboratories. Consideration was given to achieving geographic balance.

4. List of all other Federal advisory committees of the agency.

84684 Advisory Committee for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships

1172 Alan T. Waterman Award Committee

13883 Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee

1173 Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering

1186 Proposal Review Panel for Astronomical Sciences

10751 Proposal Review Panel for Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences

10747 Proposal Review Panel for Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences

10743 Proposal Review Panel for Biological Infrastructure

1189 Proposal Review Panel for Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems

1191 Proposal Review Panel for Chemistry

1194 Proposal Review Panel for Civil, Mechanical, and Manufacturing Innovation

1207 Proposal Review Panel for Computer and Network Systems

1192 Proposal Review Panel for Computing & Communication Foundations

1185 Proposal Review Panel for Cyberinfrastructure

1569 Proposal Review Panel for Earth Sciences

1196 Proposal Review Panel for Electrical, Communications, and Cyber Systems

44011 Proposal Review Panel for Emerging Frontiers in Biological Sciences

173 Proposal Review Panel for Engineering Education and Centers

10744 Proposal Review Panel for Environmental Biology

1756 Proposal Review Panel for Geosciences

57 Proposal Review Panel for Graduate Education

1200 Proposal Review Panel for Information and Intelligent Systems

84685 Proposal Review Panel for Innovation and Technology Ecosystems

2469 Proposal Review Panel for Integrative Activities

10745 Proposal Review Panel for Integrative Organismal Systems

10749 Proposal Review Panel for International Science and Engineering

1203 Proposal Review Panel for Materials Research

1204 Proposal Review Panel for Mathematical Sciences

10746 Proposal Review Panel for Molecular and Cellular Biosciences

10752 Proposal Review Panel for Ocean Sciences

1208 Proposal Review Panel for Physics

1209 Proposal Review Panel for Polar Programs

59 Proposal Review Panel for Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings

10748 Proposal Review Panel for Social and Economic Sciences

1766 Proposal Review Panel for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences

84683 Proposal Review Panel for Translational Impacts

34558 Proposal Review Panel for Emerging Frontiers and Multidisciplinary Activities

- 5. Justification that the information or advice provided by the Federal advisory committee or subcommittee is not available from another Federal advisory committee, another Federal Government source, or any other more cost-effective and less burdensome source.**

Panel review allows experts to assess the merits of a group of proposals or a complex multidisciplinary proposal in ways that cannot be achieved through other evaluation methods. Members often bring complementary expertise, and no single member typically has all the knowledge needed to evaluate a proposal or an entire set of proposals independently.

- 6. If the consultation is a committee renewal, a summary of the previous accomplishments of the committee and the reasons it needs to continue.**

Panel deliberations led to the review and ranking of proposals in areas of special emphasis within the Division of Undergraduate Education. The inputs assisted NSF in making informed funding decisions. For example, one proposal that was reviewed by a panel during FY25 was subsequently recommended for funding which provides scholarships to 22 students pursuing bachelor's and master's degrees in artificial intelligence, applied mathematics, computer science, cybersecurity, data science, operations research, and statistics at the Illinois Institute of Technology. The scholars receive mentoring from faculty and peers, participate in experiential and interdisciplinary learning experiences, and undertake other professional development activities that will help them advance in their careers. This award was funded by the NSF Scholarships in STEM (S-STEM) program, which seeks to increase the number of academically talented, low-income students with demonstrated financial need who earn degrees in STEM fields.

- 7. Explanation of why the committee/subcommittee is essential to the conduct of agency business.**

Panels are essential for both advancing scientific research and enabling effective business operations.

This public interest determination documents that renewing the committee is in the public interest, essential to the conduct of agency business, and that the information to be obtained is not already available through another advisory committee or source within the Federal Government.

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