

# Customer Satisfaction for NSF-Funded Mid-Scale Research

## Questions on Customer Satisfaction for NSF-funded Mid-Scale Research

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Biological Sciences (BIO)	\$320,000/year - \$1.3 million/year
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Mathematics & Physical Sciences (MPS)	\$156,000/year - \$1.6 million/year
Office of Polar Programs (OPP)	\$440,000/year - \$3 million/year
Social, Behavioral, & Economic Sciences (SBE)	\$156,000/year - \$1.2 million/year
Other Areas Not Listed Above	\$150,000/year - \$3 million/year

## \*1. Your institution classification:

- Doctorate-granting university
- Master's college or university
- Baccalaureate college
- Other (please specify below):

## \*2. Is your institution a Minority Serving Institution (e.g., Historically Black College and University, Hispanic Serving Institution, Tribal College or University)?

- Yes
- No
- Uncertain/no answer

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### \*3. What is your primary position at your institution?

- Professor
- Associate professor
- Assistant professor
- Lecturer
- Instructor
- Researcher
- Vice-president/provost for research or equivalent position
- Other administrative position
- Other (please specify below):

Answer: "Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer, Instructor, Researcher, and Other (please specify below)," Skip to Q11.  
All Other Answers Continue to Next Page.

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**Please consider the research faculty at your institution when answering the following question(s).**

## \*4. How satisfied are you currently with the following?

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	No opinion/Not applicable
The existing opportunities for <u>solicited</u> mid-scale research at NSF	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The existing opportunities for <u>unsolicited</u> mid-scale research at NSF	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The balance between <u>unsolicited</u> and <u>solicited</u> mid-scale research opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The balance between the opportunities for smaller research awards and the opportunities for mid-scale research awards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Optional - If you are dissatisfied with the availability and/or balance of mid-scale opportunities, please comment on why you are dissatisfied below:**

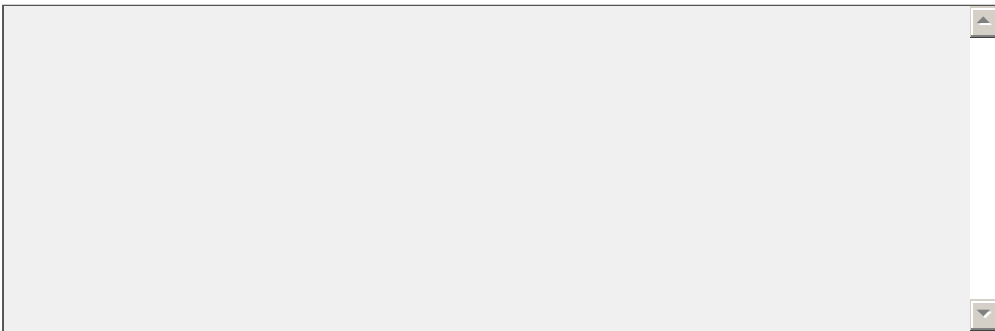
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**\*5. If there is no accompanying NSF budget increase, what is your opinion on shifting emphasis towards mid-scale research at NSF? In this situation, shifting more funds towards mid-scale research could mean more funding for larger, more complex projects, but fewer awards for research overall.**

- Strongly oppose
- Somewhat oppose
- Neutral
- Somewhat favor
- Strongly favor
- No opinion/Not applicable

**Optional - Assuming that there is no accompanying NSF budget increase, what type(s) of funding mechanisms would best facilitate the research of your faculty?**



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## \*6. How satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of NSF's communication with the research community regarding mid-scale research opportunities?

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	No opinion/Not applicable
Timeliness of information received	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clarity of the information received	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## \*7. What is the most common way you have heard about NSF mid-scale research opportunities? (You may select more than one answer)

- NSF email listserv
- NSF Website
- Direct communication with NSF staff
- Professional/scientific society meeting or newsletter
- Professional/scientific journal
- University sponsored research office
- Colleague
- Other (please specify below):

## 8. Optional - Please comment on how NSF could better communicate these mid-scale research opportunities to you and your faculty:

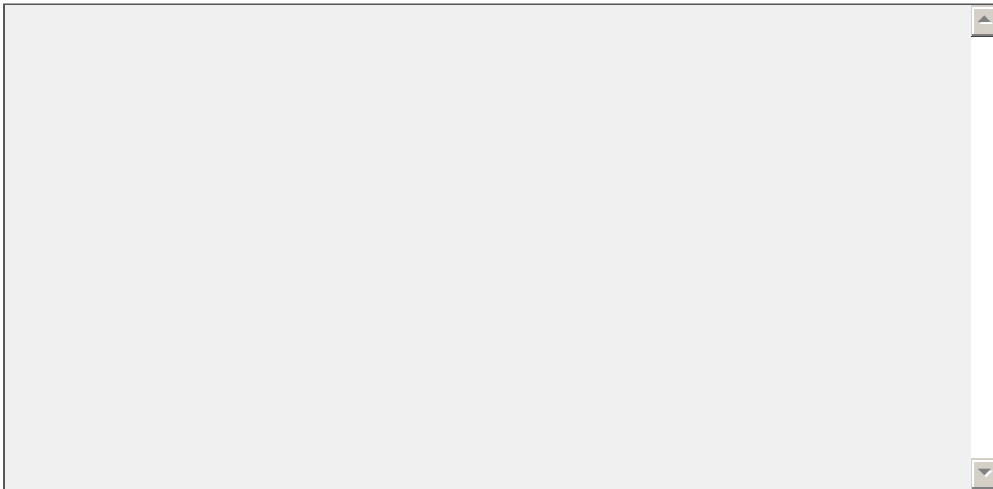
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**\*9. How satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of NSF's support of research infrastructure as it relates to mid-scale research?**

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	No opinion/Not applicable
Equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support personnel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**10. Optional - Please comment on types of infrastructure support that would facilitate the mid-scale research of your faculty:**



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### **\*11. Have you ever submitted a mid-scale research proposal to the National Science Foundation (NSF)?**

- Yes
- No, but I am interested in mid-scale research opportunities at NSF
- No, and I have no interest in mid-scale research at NSF

Answer: "Yes," Continue to Next Page.

Answer: "No, but I am interested in mid-scale research opportunities at NSF," Skip to Q22.

Answer: "No, and I have no interest in mid-scale research at NSF," Skip to Q34.



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**\*12. Have you ever received funding for mid-scale research at the National Science Foundation (NSF)?**

- Yes
- No

Answer: "Yes," Skip to Q15.  
Answer: "No," Continue to Next Page.

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**\*13. Was the most recent proposal you submitted to NSF solicited or unsolicited?**

- Solicited
- Unsolicited

**\*14. For your most recent proposal to NSF, what was your requested annual budget for the entire proposal? (For collaboratives, please specify the cumulative annual budget for the entire project)**

- Less than \$100,000/year
- \$100-249,000/year
- \$250-499,000/year
- \$500-749,000/year
- \$750-999,000/year
- \$1-1.9 million/year
- \$2-5 million/year
- \$5 million/year or more
- Uncertain/no answer

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**Please refer to the following definitions for the next questions regarding your most recent mid-scale proposal or award.**

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**\* 15. Was the most recent mid-scale research proposal you submitted to NSF solicited or unsolicited?**

- Solicited
- Unsolicited

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## \*16. Which NSF organization(s) reviewed your most recent mid-scale research award? (You may select more than one)

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain/no answer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Education EHR/DUE                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Materials Research MPS/DMR  |
| <hr/>   | <hr/>  | <hr/>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Biological Sciences BIO</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Engineering ENG</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematical Sciences MPS/DMS   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Infrastructure BIO/DBI                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, & Transport Systems ENG/CBET | <input type="checkbox"/> Physics MPS/PHY   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Biology BIO/DEB                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil, Mechanical & Manufacturing Innovation ENG/CMMI                 | <hr/>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frontiers Office BIO/EF  | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical, Communications & Cyber Systems ENG/ECCS                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Social, Behavioral &amp; Economic Sciences SBE</b>                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Integrative Organismal Systems BIO/IOS                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Education & Centers ENG/EEC                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral & Cognitive Sciences SBE/BCS                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Molecular & Cellular Biosciences BIO/MCB                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Innovation & Partnerships ENG/IIP                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Multidisciplinary Activities SBE/SMA                              |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Computer &amp; Information Science &amp; Engineering CISE</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Emerging Frontiers in Research & Innovation ENG/EFRI        | <input type="checkbox"/> Social & Economic Sciences SBE/SES  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computing & Communication Foundations CISE/CCF                   | <hr/>  | <hr/>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer & Network Systems CISE/CNS                              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Geosciences GEO</b>  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Office of the NSF Director OD</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information & Intelligent Systems CISE/IIS                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Atmospheric & Geospace Sciences GEO/AGS                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Cyberinfrastructure OD/OCI  |
| <hr/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Sciences GEO/EAR  | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Experimental Program To Stimulate Competitive Research OIA/EPSCoR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Education &amp; Human Resources EHR</b>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean Sciences GEO/OCE  | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Integrative Activities OD/OIA                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Education EHR/DGE                                       | <hr/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of International Science & Engineering OD/OISE                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resource Development EHR/HRD                               | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mathematical &amp; Physical Sciences MPS</b>                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Polar Programs OD/OPP   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research on Learning in Formal & Informal Settings EHR/DRL       | <input type="checkbox"/> Astronomical Sciences MPS/AST   | <hr/>  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry MPS/CHE   | <input type="checkbox"/> National Nanotechnology Coordination Office NNCO                            |
|   |  | <hr/>  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below)  |

If you selected "other," please explain how NSF reviewed your mid-scale research:

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### \*17. In what year did/will your most recent mid-scale research award end?

- |                                     |                            |   |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> 2016 or later | <input type="radio"/> 2009 | <input type="radio"/> 2002                |
| <input type="radio"/> 2015          | <input type="radio"/> 2008 | <input type="radio"/> 2001                |
| <input type="radio"/> 2014          | <input type="radio"/> 2007 | <input type="radio"/> 2000                |
| <input type="radio"/> 2013          | <input type="radio"/> 2006 | <input type="radio"/> 1990 - 1999         |
| <input type="radio"/> 2012          | <input type="radio"/> 2005 | <input type="radio"/> Prior to 1990       |
| <input type="radio"/> 2011          | <input type="radio"/> 2004 | <input type="radio"/> Uncertain/no answer |
| <input type="radio"/> 2010          | <input type="radio"/> 2003 |   |

### \*18. What was the annual budget for the entire award? (For collaboratives, please specify the cumulative annual budget for the entire project)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than \$100,000/year | <input type="radio"/> \$500-749,000/year   | <input type="radio"/> \$2-5 million/year       |
| <input type="radio"/> \$100-249,000/year       | <input type="radio"/> \$750-999,000/year   | <input type="radio"/> \$5 million/year or more |
| <input type="radio"/> \$250-499,000/year       | <input type="radio"/> \$1-1.9 million/year | <input type="radio"/> Uncertain/no answer      |

### \*19. What was your role on this award?

- Principal investigator
- Co-Principal investigator
- Other (please specify below):

### \*20. How many PIs/Co-PIs were involved in the project (including you)?

- 1       2       3       4       5 or more

### \*21. Was the project focused on a single discipline or was it multidisciplinary?

- Single discipline
- Multidisciplinary
- Other (please specify below):

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**\*22. If you considered submitting a mid-scale research proposal to NSF in the past 10 years but did not, which of the following barriers, if any, led you to not submit your proposal?**

	Major barrier	Minor barrier	Not a barrier	Not applicable
NSF program officers or other staff did not welcome proposals of this kind	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There was a poor match between my idea/proposal and the available NSF programs/solicitations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The proposal budget was high	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The proposal was high risk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The administrative requirements of NSF were burdensome	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The research proposal needed a long award duration than was offered by NSF	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The research area of the proposal may have be unfamiliar to reviewers due to its novelty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The research proposal needed expensive instrumentation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Optional - Please list below any other barriers or comments on why you did not submit your project to NSF:**

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**\*23. If you submitted a mid-scale research proposal to NSF in the past 10 years, what barriers, if any, did you experience? If you have submitted more than one proposal to NSF during this period, please answer based on your typical experience.**

	Major barrier	Minor barrier	Not a barrier	Not applicable
NSF program officers or other staff did not seem to welcome proposals of this kind	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There was a poor match between my idea/proposal and the available NSF programs/solicitations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The proposal budget was high	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The proposal was high risk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The administrative requirements of NSF were burdensome	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The research proposal needed a long award duration than was offered by NSF	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The research area of the proposal may have be unfamiliar to reviewers due to its novelty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The research proposal needed expensive instrumentation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Optional - Please list any other barriers you experienced below:**

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**\*24. How satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of NSF's communication with the research community regarding mid-scale research opportunities?**

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	No opinion/Not applicable
Timeliness of information received	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clarity of the information received	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\*25. What is the most common way you have heard about NSF mid-scale research opportunities? (You may select more than one answer)**

- NSF email listserv
- NSF Website
- Direct communication with NSF staff
- Professional/scientific society meeting or newsletter
- Professional/scientific journal
- Colleague
- University sponsored research office
- Other (please specify below):

**26. Optional - Please comment on how NSF could better communicate these mid-scale research opportunities:**

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**\*27. In terms of current opportunities for solicited mid-scale research at NSF, what is your opinion on the balance between flexibility and prescription within the solicitation for each of the following?**

	Much too prescriptive	Somewhat too prescriptive	About right	Somewhat too flexible	Much too flexible	No opinion/Not applicable
Scientific/topical scope	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to collaborate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Broader impacts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Review criteria	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education/training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reporting requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Budgeting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Optional - Other comments (please specify below):**

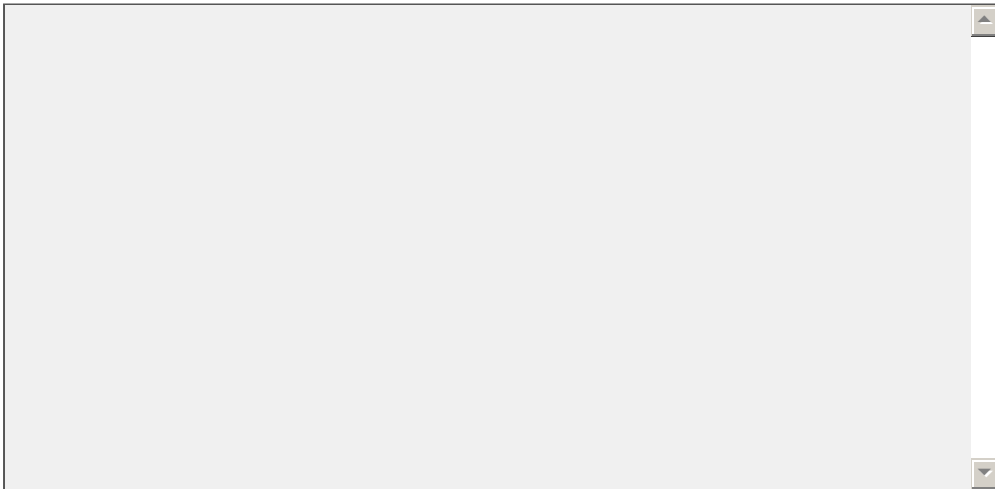
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**\*28. How satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of NSF's support of research infrastructure as it relates to mid-scale research?**

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	No opinion/Not applicable
Equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support personnel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**29. Optional - Please comment on types of infrastructure support that would facilitate your mid-scale research:**



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**\*30. In the past five years, which of the strategies below have you used in an effort to obtain funding for mid-scale research?**

	Yes	No	No answer/Not applicable
Submitted a single mid-scale proposal to NSF	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Submitted a single mid-scale proposal to a funding organization other than NSF	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Divided a mid-scale project into several smaller proposals and submitted the smaller proposals to one NSF program over time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Divided a mid-scale project into several smaller proposals and submitted the smaller proposals to more than one NSF program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Divided a mid-scale project into several smaller proposals and submitted to more than one funding organization (including NSF)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## \*31. How satisfied are you currently with the following?

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	No opinion/Not applicable
The existing opportunities for <u>unsolicited</u> mid-scale research at NSF	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The existing opportunities for <u>solicited</u> mid-scale research at NSF	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The balance between <u>unsolicited</u> and <u>solicited</u> mid-scale research opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The balance between the opportunities for smaller research awards and the opportunities for mid-scale research awards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Optional - If you are dissatisfied with the availability and/or balance of mid-scale opportunities, please comment on why you are dissatisfied below:**

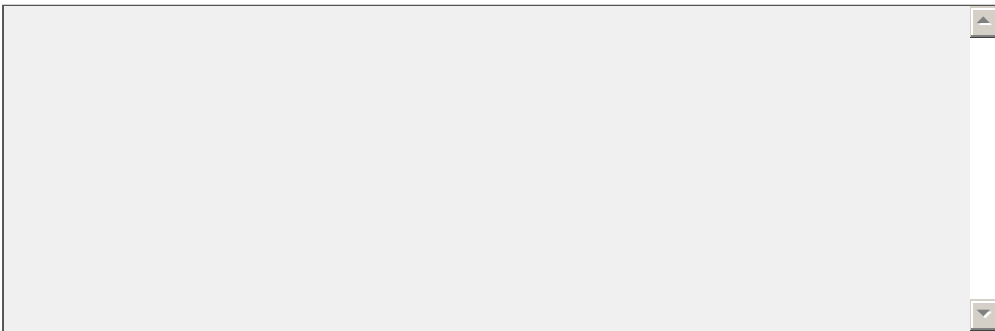
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**\*32. If there is no accompanying NSF budget increase, what is your opinion on shifting emphasis towards mid-scale research at NSF within your field? In this situation, shifting more funds towards mid-scale research could mean more funding for larger, more complex projects, but fewer awards for research overall.**

- Strongly oppose
- Somewhat oppose
- Neutral
- Somewhat favor
- Strongly favor
- No opinion/Not applicable

**Optional - Assuming that there is no accompanying NSF budget increase, what type(s) of funding mechanisms would best facilitate your research at NSF?**



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## 33. Thinking about NSF-funded mid-scale research, how satisfied are you with the following aspects of your home institution's support?

	Very dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat satisfied	Very satisfied	No answer/not applicable
Professional development (e.g., proposal writing training, leadership training)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Help from your office of sponsored research or other administrative organization within your institution	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recognition of contribution to collaborative projects during promotion and tenure review	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fostering multi-disciplinary collaborations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Help with the administration and management of the research project	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infrastructure support (e.g., networking capabilities, shared equipment)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provision of appropriate research space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

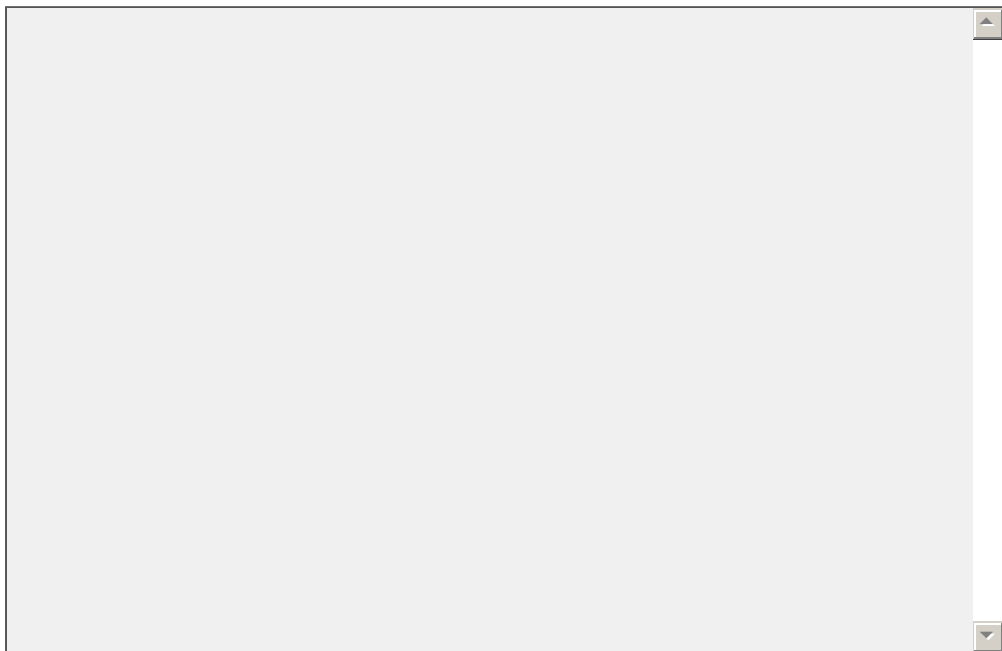
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**34. Do you have any further comments about mid-scale research at NSF?**

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