

broader impacts criteria are appropriate for evaluating grant proposals” and directs the Foundation to “maintain the intellectual merit and broader impacts criteria, among other specific criteria as appropriate, as the basis for evaluating grant proposals in the merit review process.”

NSF’s mission as described in the 1950 NSF act, is “to promote the progress of science, advance national health, prosperity, and welfare, and secure the national defense. This is achieved by investing in research to expand knowledge in science, engineering, and education, and by increasing the capacity of the U.S. to conduct and benefit from such research. Merit review panels under these FACA committees serve as the basis for the gold standard merit review to support the most compelling research to advance the NSF mission.

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.

Dated: May 26, 2026.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposal Review Panel for Chemistry; Committee Renewal

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Committee Management Renewal.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is renewing the committee for Chemistry.

**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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Crystal Robinson, Committee Management Officer, NSF, at (703) 292-8687, or by mail to National Science Foundation, Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

**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 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.* This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

#### Committee

Proposal Review Panel for Chemistry, #1191

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:* \$321,801.
  - a. *Federal personnel on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis:* 8.3 FTE.
  - b. *Other Federal internal costs:* \$0.
  - c. *Proposed payments to members:* \$318,691.
  - d. *Proposed number of members:* 781.
  - e. *Reimbursable costs:* \$3,110.
2. *If applicable, the total dollar value of grants expected to be recommended during the fiscal year:* \$242,470,000.
3. *Criteria for selecting members to ensure the committee has the necessary.*

The membership of all review panels was selected to include individuals with scientific expertise in chemistry research, familiarity with the training process for young scientists, and, in the case of the technical reviews, advanced technical expertise in areas of chemistry.

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
- 34558—Proposal Review Panel for Emerging Frontiers and Multidisciplinary Activities
- 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

1214 Proposal Review Panel for Undergraduate Education

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.*

Proposals submitted to Mathematical and Physical Sciences/CHE programs, as well as those reviewed as part of NSF-wide activities, typically represent complex projects that require a broad range of expertise in chemistry research and education. In addition, panel review in combination with mail review is used to provide technical expertise relevant to the proposals under review. This requires distinct membership for committees responsible for review of distinct subject areas. Site visits constitute the most critical component of oversight of large-scale projects such as centers and facilities operations, which by their very nature require a breadth of input to reliably cover all aspects of the activity. Site visit attendees are recruited based on their unique combinations of technical expertise.

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

Past committee deliberations resulted in reviewing and identifying cutting edge topics and projects that addresses the national needs, strengthens U.S. leadership and fosters advances in new areas of fundamental chemistry research. Specifically, with the FACA committee's input, Chemistry has funded innovative research projects that aligned well with the foundation wide initiatives such as Quantum Information Science, Artificial Intelligence, Biotechnology, Advanced Manufacturing, Semiconductor and Microelectronics. One example is that Chemistry funded five exciting research projects last year in data-analytics enabled sustainable polymer research based on the FACA committee's recommendations that will contribute to new advancement in next-generation new materials and strengthen our partnership with chemical industry.

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

The committees/subcommittees are essential to advancing scientific research and supporting effective business operations. It brings together experts from diverse backgrounds who collectively review proposals and provide funding recommendations based on the best scientific judgment of the research community. Through the panel review process, NSF is able to evaluate proposals' intellectual merit and broader impacts in a fair and transparent manner across a broad range of disciplines.

This public interest determination documents that renewing the committee is 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.

Dated: May 26, 2026

**Crystal Robinson,**

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2026-1387]**

### **State of Indiana: NRC Staff Assessment of a Proposed Agreement Between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State of Indiana**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed state agreement; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** As required by Section 274e of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (AEA), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) is publishing the proposed Agreement for public comment (Appendix A). The NRC is also publishing the summary of a draft assessment by the NRC staff of the State of Indiana's regulatory program. Comments are requested on the proposed Agreement and its effect on public health and safety. Comments are also requested on the draft staff assessment, the adequacy of the State of Indiana's program, and the adequacy of the staffing of the State's program, as discussed in this document.

**DATES:** Submit comments by June 15, 2026. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure

consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal Rulemaking website:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2026-1387. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: [Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov](mailto:Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-5-A85, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

###### *A. Obtaining Information*

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2026-1387 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2026-1387.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin ADAMS Public Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov). For the convenience of the reader, instructions about obtaining materials referenced in this document are provided in the "Availability of Documents" section.