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Panel review can provide judgments about the comparative merits within a group of proposals or within a single complex or multidisciplinary proposal. Panel discussion is more appropriate in cases such as the selection of graduate research traineeships than is ad hoc mail review. This advisory committee conducts meetings to provide technical expertise relevant to the proposals being reviewed. In order to conduct thorough review of proposals the committee members must select members that have a wide range of scientific and 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.*

Committees review, evaluate, and provide written assessments of thousands of research and training proposals and applications to support program officer recommendations in allocating funds. Committees have been instrumental in identifying submissions that will advance cutting-edge research, training and workforce development initiatives that address national needs, strengthen U.S. STEM leadership, and advance fundamental and applied research. Past committees have recognized that addressing the grand challenges in science and engineering requires interdisciplinary and convergent approaches, as well as broad professional training, and have identified submissions that will enable NSF to address these challenges, especially in high-priority areas, including artificial intelligence, biotechnology, quantum information science, semiconductors and microelectronics and advanced manufacturing and materials science. Committees have also identified critical gaps in research priorities, and they have supported NSF's discovery of STEM talent who will achieve high levels of success in their future academic and professional careers. Convening interdisciplinary research and education expertise for review is critical to efforts to break down disciplinary silos and to ensure the appropriate integration of research and education. Finally, one example of how these committees have helped identify opportunities to advance cutting-edge research, training and workforce development initiatives includes that our panel meetings have identified opportunities to strengthen STEM graduate education and graduate education research by identifying gaps

in the NSF portfolio, e.g., the STEM graduate education community's growing readiness to pursue more systemic interventions and analyses that resulted in expanded opportunities in the Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE) program.

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

The Proposal Review Panel for Graduate Education committee #57 is essential to the conduct of agency business as they align with the agency's usage of the merit review process and criteria in keeping with 42 U.S. Code § 1862s, which outlines that "the Foundation's intellectual merit and 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 this FACA committee serves 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 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 Mathematical Sciences; 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 Mathematical Sciences.

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 Mathematical Sciences, #1204

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:* \$871,402.
 - a. *Federal personnel on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis:* 10 FTE.
 - b. *Other Federal internal costs:* \$14,696.
 - c. *Proposed payments to members:* \$742,759.
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 - e. *Reimbursable costs:* \$113,947.
2. *If applicable, the total dollar value of grants expected to be recommended during the fiscal year:* \$331,424,737.
3. *Criteria for selecting members to ensure the committee has the necessary.*

Membership is selected in response to specific proposals and applications to be reviewed. Members are selected for their demonstrated scientific and engineering expertise so as to represent a reasonable balance of capability in the various subfields of the proposals to be reviewed. 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
- 34558 Proposal Review Panel for Emerging Frontiers and Multidisciplinary Activities
- 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.

While ad hoc mail reviewers can be chosen to give a thorough technical review of a proposal, mail reviewer judgments are normally made about a single proposal viewed in isolation. Panel review, in combination with mail review, can, in addition, provide judgments about the comparative merits within a group of proposals or within a single complex, multidisciplinary proposal or a facility.

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 committees have played a critical role in identifying cutting edge topics and projects that pursue bold, innovative research that addresses national needs, strengthens U.S. leadership, and fosters progress in both fundamental or applied mathematical sciences. Their efforts have catalyzed the development of new science and technology, reinforced national leadership, and contributed to meaningful advances toward solving grand challenges, particularly in priority areas such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, biotechnology, and advanced manufacturing. One notable example is the identification of foundational research in artificial

intelligence in 2019, which led to a partnership between NSF and the Simons Foundation on the Mathematical and Scientific Foundations of Deep Learning which subsequently evolved into cross-cutting programs on Mathematical Foundations of Artificial Intelligence and Artificial Intelligence, Formal Methods, and Mathematical Reasoning.

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

Panels are essential to the conduct of NSF business because they bring together diverse experts who collectively evaluate proposals, ensuring that funding recommendations reflect the best scientific judgement of the research community. The panel review process allows NSF to assess the intellectual merit and broader impacts of proposals fairly, transparently, and across a wide 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.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering; Committee Renewal

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Committee Management Renewal.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is renewing the Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering.

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