



# NSF Big Ideas and International Collaboration :

## Japan Moonshot Symposium Plenary Session 2



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# NSF by the Numbers



**93%**

funds research,  
education and  
related  
activities

**\$8.1B**

FY 2019  
Enacted

**50,000**

proposals  
evaluated

**2,000**

NSF-funded  
institutions

**11,000**

awards  
funded

**359,000**

people NSF  
supported

**\$1.2B**

STEM  
education

**\$100M**

to seed  
public/private  
partnerships

**236**

NSF-funded  
Nobel  
Prize winners

## RESEARCH IDEAS



Harnessing the Data Revolution

The Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier



Windows on the Universe: The Era of Multi-messenger Astrophysics

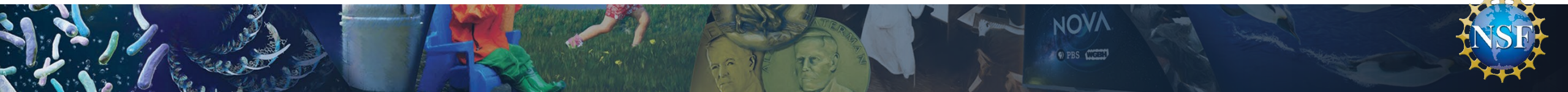


The Quantum Leap: Leading the Next Quantum Revolution



Navigating the New Arctic

Understanding the Rules of Life: Predicting Phenotype



## ENABLING IDEAS

Mid-scale Facilities:  
Bridging the  
Infrastructure Gap



NSF 2026:  
Generating New  
Big Ideas



Growing  
Convergence  
Research



NSF INCLUDES:  
Enhancing STEM  
through Diversity and  
Inclusion





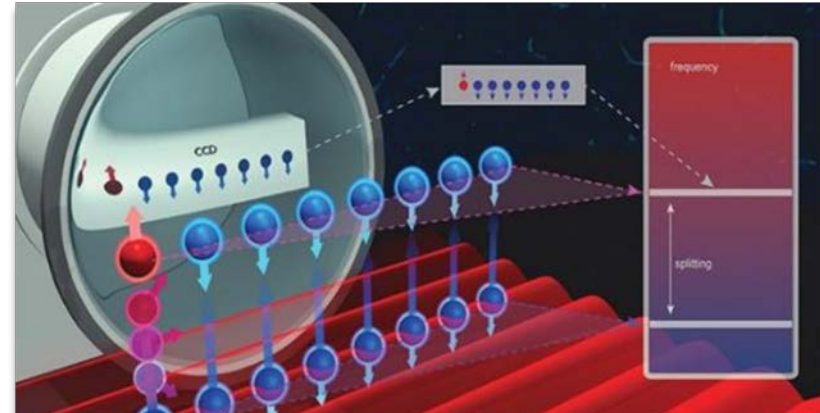
# Pushing the Boundaries of Knowledge



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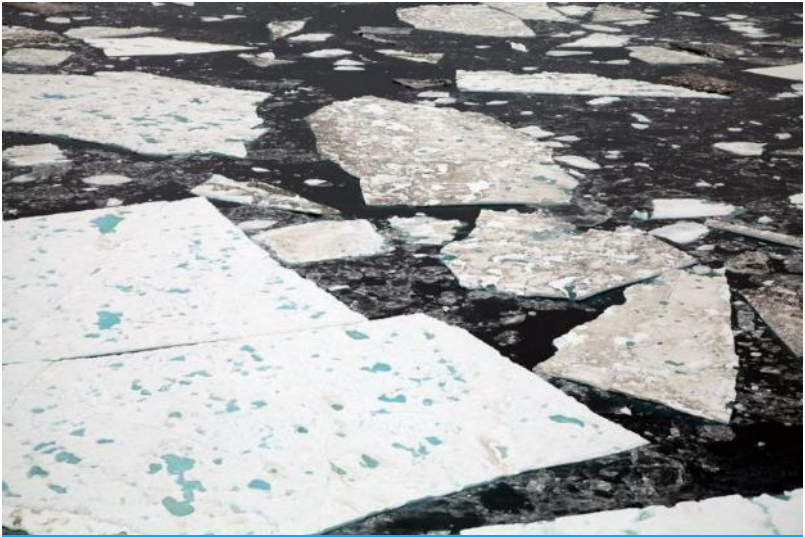




# Seizing New Opportunities



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# Identifying and Closing Gaps



NSF INCLUDES



NSF 2026



Mid-scale Research Infrastructure



Growing Convergence Research

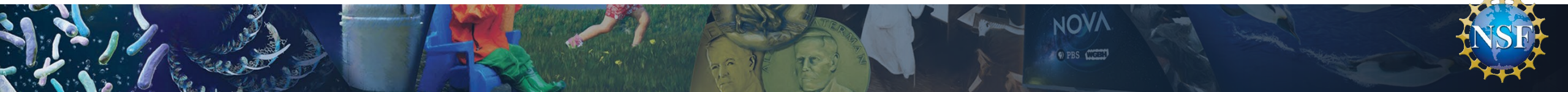
## How did NSF identify the Big Ideas?

Bottom-up, Science-driven approach to generating ideas

Narrow ideas based on appropriateness to NSF's mission

Assess readiness for significant advances

Prioritize interdisciplinary, convergent research



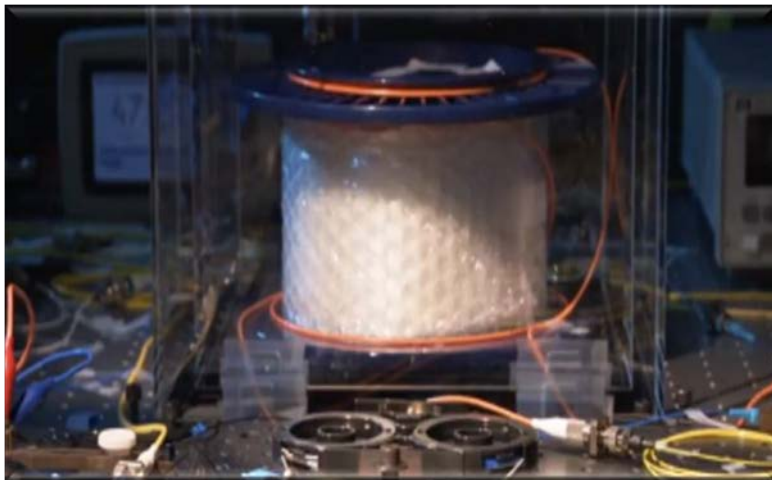
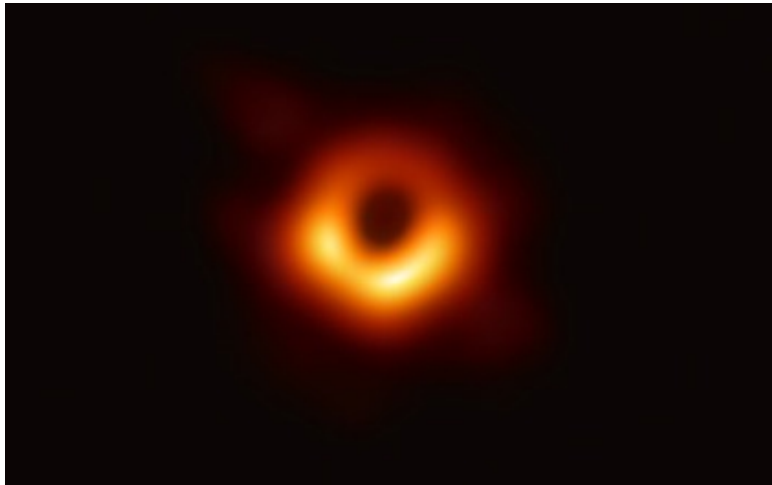


# International Pillars for NSF Engagement

Promoting the development of a globally engaged workforce

Facilitating and supporting mutually beneficial international partnership

Providing opportunities for U.S. leadership to shape the global science and engineering agenda



# Japan Collaboration in Many Big Ideas

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## ➤ *Windows on the Universe*

- ❖ *Event Horizon Telescope discovery*

## ➤ *Harnessing the Data Revolution*

- ❖ *NSF-JST collaboration on Smart and Connected Communities*

## ➤ *Quantum Leap*

- ❖ *NSF staff fact-finding mission to Japan in 2018*
- ❖ *Follow up workshop in Feb 2020*







# JOINT COMMITTEE *on the* RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT



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# America Leading the World in Science & Technology

## OSTP R&D: Priority Cross-cutting Actions

Skilled Workforce | Research Environment | Leverage Data | Multisector Partnerships | Transformative Research

Need for  
Change

**National  
Science and  
Technology  
Council  
(NsTC)**

**Committee on  
S&T Enterprise**



**Committee on  
Science**

**New NSTC Committee: JCORE**

### Factors Impacting S&T Leadership



- Integrity
- Security
- Safe & Inclusive Research Environments



- Administrative Workload

### Joint Committee on the Research Environment (JCORE)

