



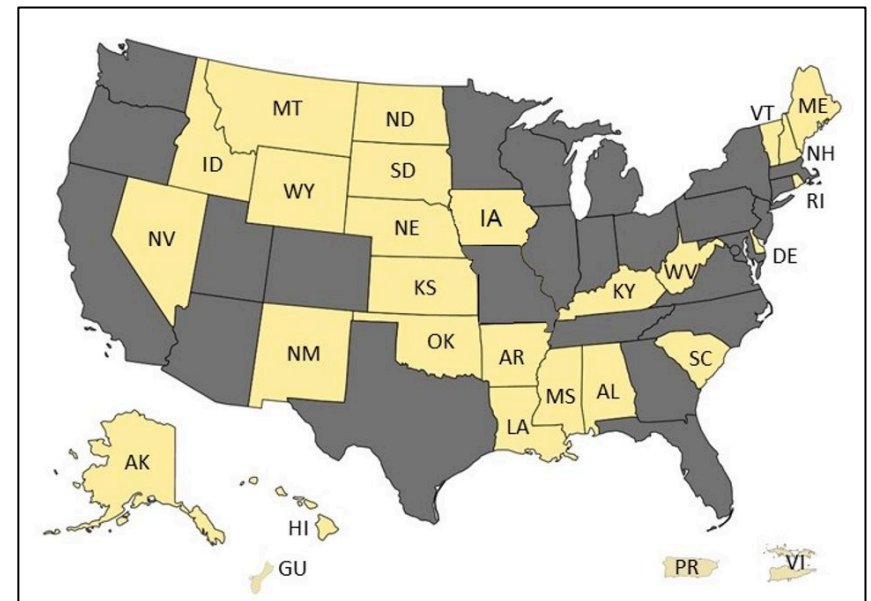
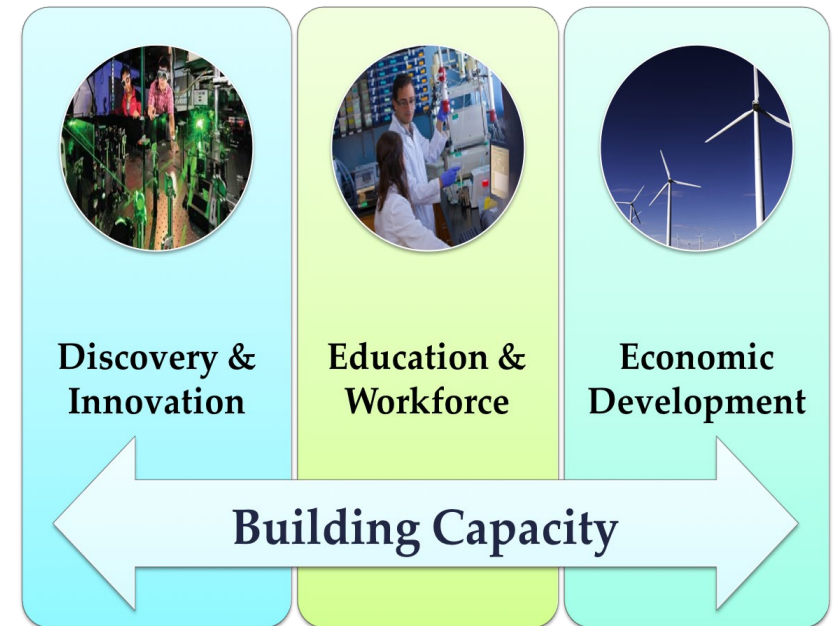
NSF EPSCoR RII- Track-4

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EPSCoR in Context

- Established by NSB Resolution in 1978
- Congressionally mandated in 1980
- Purpose: To enhance research competitiveness of targeted jurisdictions (states, territories, commonwealth) by building up STEM capacity and capability.
- EPSCoR Investment Strategies (RII-Track-1, RII-Track-2, RII-Track-4)
- Awards are PI's driven (Jurisdictional, Institutional, early-career faculty)



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Research Infrastructure Improvement (83% NSF EPSCoR Budget)

- **RII Track-1** (up to \$20M over 5 years – 1 per jurisdiction)
 - Statewide research capacity in alignment Science & Technology Plan
- **RII Track-2** (up to \$1-1.5M per year for up to 4 years – 1 per Institution)
 - Interjurisdictional collaborations (i.e., 2 or more EPSCoR jurisdictions)
 - “Advancing research towards Industries of the Future to ensure economic growth for EPSCoR jurisdictions”
 - Additional focus on early-career faculty
 - New Solicitation NSF 21-518
- **RII Track-3** (piloted in FY13; up to \$750k for up to 5 years)
 - Focus on broadening participation in STEM
- **RII Track-4** – Focus of this presentation....



RII Track-4 EPSCoR Research Fellows

- Provides opportunities for non-tenured (or equivalent) investigators to further develop their individual research potential through extended collaborative visits to the nation's premier private, governmental, or academic research centers.
- Fellows will be able to learn new techniques, benefit from access to state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, strengthen collaborative partnerships, and shift or extend their research toward transformative directions.
- Experiences gained through fellowships are intended to provide benefits that will impact the recipient's career in years to come. These benefits to the Fellows are also expected to in turn enhance the research capacities of their institutions and jurisdictions.
- Multi-disciplinary competition: Any research topic that fits within NSF's overall portfolio will be considered for support.



Eligibility

- PIs must have their primary appointment at an eligible institution:
 - Must be in an EPSCoR RII-eligible jurisdiction
 - Must be an Institution of Higher Education or a Not-for-Profit Non-Degree-Granting Organization
- At Institutions of Higher Education, PIs must hold a non-tenured faculty appointment:
 - Pre-tenure tenure-track position (typically Assistant Professors)
 - Long-term non-tenure-track position (most often Research Professors)
 - Eligibility is determined by tenure status on proposal deadline date – April 13, 2021.
 - Persons holding transitional (< 3 years) fixed-term postdoctoral appointments are not eligible for this program.
- At Not-for-Profit, Non-Degree-Granting Organizations:
 - Position must be an early-career career-track appointment
 - Independent research must be a major component of work duties
- Sole-PI proposals only; no co-PIs are allowed.
- **Hard limit of three proposal submissions per eligible institution**



Fellowship Details

- Host sites may be any research institution within the United States or its territories/possessions.
 - University, Government, Corporate, Non-Profit facilities are all eligible;
 - Does not need to be in an EPSCoR jurisdiction;
 - Generally expected to be outside of PI's home jurisdiction and beyond easy commuting distance.
- Budget requests of up to \$300,000 over a duration of 24 months
 - Up to 6 months of salary and fringe benefit support for the PI and one additional trainee-level participant
 - Includes up to \$75,000 in travel and living expenses for the PI and trainee-level researcher
 - Includes up to \$10,000 (total) for fees, supplies, equipment, publication costs, *etc*
 - Includes up to \$5,000 (total) for other research-related travel





Key Information

- Solicitation Number: NSF 20-543
- Current Deadline: April 13, 2021
- Stay tuned for a new solicitation to come in early winter
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