

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Advanced Manufacturing Funding¹

(Dollars in Millions)

	FY 2023		
	Base Plan	FY 2024 (TBD)	FY 2025 Request
BIO	\$7.16	-	\$7.48
CISE	44.30	-	44.30
EDU	6.00	-	7.00
ENG	125.00	-	130.63
MPS	128.33	-	139.50
SBE	0.50	-	0.52
TIP	41.60	-	55.72
OISE	0.50	-	0.52
IA	1.00	-	1.00
Total	\$354.39	-	\$386.67

¹ Funding displayed may have overlap with other topics and programs.

Overview

Manufacturing is essential to almost every sector of the U.S. economy, spurring the economy by increasing productivity, enabling new products, and opening new industries. Advanced manufacturing uses innovative technologies to create safe and secure products and processes with higher performance, fewer resources, and/or new capabilities. NSF programs accelerate advances in manufacturing materials, technologies and systems through fundamental, multidisciplinary research that transforms manufacturing capabilities, methods, and practices.

Since its founding in 1950, NSF has pushed the frontiers of manufacturing, sparking breakthroughs from nanomaterials and computer-aided design to 3D printing and digital twins, as well as tools for real-time, in situ feedback and sensing. NSF investments for advanced manufacturing research, workforce development, and translation to useful methods and products will continue to increase U.S. prosperity, competitiveness, security, and quality of life, and will further the goals of the *National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing* (2022).¹

Today, NSF continues to invest in fundamental and translational research to create new, safe, secure, and sustainable capabilities for chemical and materials synthesis and processing; fabrication and manufacturing of advanced semiconductors, quantum devices, and optical devices; discovery and manufacture of alternative materials with lower climate and environmental impacts; distributed and smart manufacturing systems; safe, productive, privacy-preserving, and collaborative worker-technology interactions; the ethical, social, economic, and legal consequences of advanced manufacturing; and broad advanced manufacturing discovery. NSF invests in communities and

¹ www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/National-Strategy-for-Advanced-Manufacturing-10072022.pdf

experiential programs across the U.S. to grow and nurture a STEM-enabled manufacturing workforce and in industry partnerships and entrepreneurship to speed manufacturing innovations to the marketplace.

NSF's advanced manufacturing research intersects, builds upon, and contributes to related investments in biotechnology, sustainability, microelectronics and semiconductors, artificial intelligence, robotics, sensing technologies, the Internet of Things, data science, and computational modeling. Similarly, NSF's investments in Clean Energy, Climate Change and Emerging Technologies are bolstered by advanced manufacturing research.

Goals

1. *Advanced Manufacturing Research*: Support groundbreaking discoveries in advanced manufacturing that lead to products and processes with higher performance, new capabilities, better safety, heightened security and privacy, and the use of fewer and more-sustainable resources.
2. *Future Manufacturing Research*: Increase knowledge in emerging areas to enable a generation of manufacturing industries that do not exist today, are compatible with human needs, make U.S. manufacturing competitive far into the future, and build resilience to global disruptions into the Nation's manufacturing infrastructure.
3. *Workforce Development*: Attract, educate, train, and reskill/upskill diverse workers, from K-12 to college and industry, across the Nation, for the manufacturing workforce of the future.
4. *Translation to Practice*: Leverage partnerships with other sectors to enable the translation of research results to the market and society.

FY 2025 Investments

Advanced Manufacturing Research

Continued investments in advanced manufacturing include the discovery of new methods, processes, analyses, tools, or equipment for new or existing manufacturing products, supply-chain components, or chemicals and materials, including replacements for environmentally harmful mainstay materials such as plastics. NSF also supports research in next-generation manufacturing infrastructure as part of a broader effort to design and renew national infrastructure.

Future Manufacturing Research

Initiated in FY 2020, the Future Manufacturing investment advances fundamental research to enable manufacturing that (a) does not exist or is not possible today, or (b) exists or is possible only at such small scales that it is not yet viable for mass production. Investments focus on cyber-, eco- and bio-manufacturing research advances.

Workforce Development

To prepare a diverse advanced manufacturing workforce, NSF invests in the Advanced Technological Education, Faculty Early Career Development, Engineering Research Initiation, Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry, Sites and Supplements for the Research Experiences for Undergraduates and Research Experiences for Teachers programs, as well as in manufacturing engineering education in research projects. Support for NSF Non-Academic Research Internships for Graduate Students (NSF INTERN) and Experiential Learning for and Emerging Novel Technologies

Advanced Manufacturing

(ExLENT) provides individuals with experiences in other sectors, including industry and government. NSF-supported access to fabrication and manufacturing facilities, such as NNCI, semiconductor foundries and Manufacturing USA Institutes, provides students across the Nation with training and professional development for careers in advanced manufacturing.

Translation to Practice

NSF speeds translation of fundamental discoveries in advanced manufacturing into products and processes through its Engineering Research Centers, Industry-University Cooperative Research Centers, and its BioFoundries, as well as the NSF Lab-to-Market Platform and other activities in TIP. In addition, NSF coordinates with other agencies and participates in the Manufacturing USA Institutes, particularly by connecting them to universities and community colleges.