

# 2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Proposal Review Panel for Computer and Network Systems

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| <b>1. Department or Agency</b>                         | <b>2. Fiscal Year</b>        |
| National Science Foundation                            | 2026                         |
| <b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>                    | <b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b> |
| Proposal Review Panel for Computer and Network Systems | 1207                         |

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|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b> | <b>5. Current Charter</b> | <b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b> | <b>7. Expected Term Date</b> |
| No  | 06/28/2024                | 06/28/2026                      |                              |

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| <b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b> | <b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b> | <b>8c. Actual Term Date</b> |
| No  |   |                             |

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| <b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b> | <b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b> | <b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b> |
| Continue   | No  | Not Applicable                   |

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|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>11. Establishment Authority</b>          | Agency Authority          |                           |                           |
| <b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b> | <b>13. Effective Date</b> | <b>14. Committee Type</b> | <b>14c. Presidential?</b> |
| ADM IV-100                                  | 08/30/1990                | Continuing                | No                        |

**15. Description of Committee** Grant Review Committee

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

**Meetings and Dates**  
No Meetings

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|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Current</b> | <b>Next</b> |
| <b>FY</b>      | <b>FY</b>   |

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| <b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>   | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>   | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>   | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>  | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>                                      | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>  | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>  | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>                                   | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b> | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>                    | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18e. Total Costs</b>  | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>   | 0.00   | 0.00   |

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

Members of Panel reviewed and provided written evaluations on research proposals, CAREER, REU Sites, MRI, Advance, Special Projects proposals, Computer Systems, Computing and Research Infrastructure, Networking Technology and Systems, Network Science Engineering Trustworthy Computing, Broadening Participation in Computing and Science of Design This advice was used to help the program officers make sound

decisions in allocating program funds.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The panel consisted of men and women with scientific expertise. Members were also selected for geographic balance and representation for minority, younger, and disabled scientists. Members were selected for their demonstrated scientific and engineering expertise so as to represent a reasonable balance of capability in the various sub fields of the proposals reviewed. These panel members were able to offer critical advice on important research questions, data sources, and provide meaningful sources. Panel members were able to judge proposals assessing their technical merit.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Proposal Review Panel has approx 179 meetings. These meetings correspond to the program deadlines of the division.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

Panels provide an opportunity for face-to-face discussions of very complex, multidisciplinary proposals. Mail review cannot provide this information.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

To review proposals that included information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals.

**21. Remarks**

None

**Designated Federal Officer**

Behrooz Shirazi Acting Division Director, CNS

**Narrative Description**

The NSF mission is set out in the NSF Act of 1950 authorizes and directs the Agency to initiate and support; basic scientific research and research fundamental to the engineering process; and science and engineering education programs at all levels and in all fields of science and engineering. The involvement of knowledgeable peers from outside the foundation in the review of proposals is the keystone of NSF's proposal review system. Their judgments of the extent to which proposals address the merit review criteria are vital for informing NSF staff and influencing funding recommendations.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

The use of panelists to review proposals for Agency is an invaluable asset. The cost of obtaining the expertise, insight, and information received by the Division using alternative methods, such as hiring the expertise as full or part-time employees, would be extremely high.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

2,449

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

This is an ongoing committee. Therefore, the number of recommendations produced by the committees is for this fiscal year.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The word implement is not applicable to grant review panels. All recommendations are considered by the agency.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Not applicable. Please see answer directly above.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Although panelists may not receive direct feedback, each committee member may use the NSF FastLane, a public web-based program, which provides information on awards made by the agency to determine the outcome of proposals reviewed by the panel.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

**Action Comments**

NA

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

Yes

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 2,441  
300

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval  
\$167,690,318

**Grant Review Comments**

The panelists/advisory committee members provided information on the merit of the proposal, which includes an overall rating. The number of proposals above includes pre-proposals submitted to NSF for review. The pre-proposals are not included in the number of grants recommend or dollar value of grants recommended for approval.

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site

Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



**Access Comments**

The number of recommendations is for the fiscal year.