

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
National Science Foundation	2025
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences	1110

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/28/2023	06/28/2025	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	NSF Staff Memorandum OD 25-26 pursuant to E.O. 14217, Commencing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy, Section 2(g)	04/15/2025

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

11. Establishment Authority	Agency Authority		
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
ADM IV-100	12/22/1982	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program
Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year
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17a. 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0
 Open

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

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

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee meets twice each year and uses a varied format that includes full committee

discussion and working group sessions focused on specific issues of mutual concern to the community, directorate and agency. Areas of emphasis at NSF are broadening participation, integration of research and education, cyberinfrastructure and high-performance computing, and program performance evaluation. Summary minutes of all meetings and reports are available on the BIO Home Page via the NSF Home Page.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The members of the BIO Advisory Committee are selected to be representative of all scientific areas and types of institutions covered by BIO activities, as well as ensuring balance for gender, ethnicity, and geographic consideration. A member of the NSF Committee on Equal Opportunity in Science Engineering (CEOSE) serves as a liaison between the two committees and participates fully in all committee meetings. Representatives from other Federal agencies are also invited to report on activities of mutual interest.

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

The full committee normally meets twice each year. The committee's guidance and advice focuses on specific issues--both scientific and management--but in a broad, global structure directed to future planning and budget activities. In addition throughout the year, members serve on subcommittees, including Committee of Visitors, participate in workshops and ad hoc meetings to address NSF-wide issues. Also, the BIOAC Chair may attend the annual BIO senior management retreat, participate with other advisory committee chairs in meetings with the NSF Director providing

guidance and advice on agency-wide issues, joint meetings with other NSF advisory committees are scheduled to facilitate interaction on areas and activities of mutual interest. Individual committee members may also represent the committee at other advisory committee meetings.

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

This is the only committee structured and available to advise on directorate-, agency-wide activities. The other directorate advisory committees are review panels structured solely for the review of proposals and are thereby more narrowly focused.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

The Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences terminated on April 15, 2025, per NSF Staff Memorandum OD 25-26 pursuant to E.O. 14217, Commencing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy, Section 2(g).

Designated Federal Officer

Susan Marqusee Assistant Director, BIO

Narrative Description

Advisory committee members represent the broad scientific community. The committee provides guidance and advice on how the directorate and agency may address broad, global scientific issues, such as areas of opportunity for scientific advances, broadening participation and training of the next generation of scientists. The committee assists in performance evaluation by

serving on committee of visitors reviewing directorate activities and other ad hoc committees.

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

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

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

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences is a long-standing committee that provides very broad guidance and recommendations to the Directorate for Biological Sciences on topics requested by the Assistant Director. The total number of recommendations is specific to FY25. The committee did not meet prior to termination.

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

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The advice and guidance of the committee is considered, where feasible, in planning for future activities. There is, however, a considerable lag in the time from when a recommendation is made and when the Agency could potentially implement such a recommendation due to the constraints of the federal budgeting cycle.

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

See comment 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

The committee meets twice a year and a session at each meeting is devoted to updating the committee on activities between meetings. As noted above, each of the members of the evaluation subcommittees (Committee of Visitors) receives a written response addressing their recommendations.

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

The committee provides guidance and advice on how the agency may address broad scientific issues. Their guidance is taken into account in directorate and agency long-ranging planning.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

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

N/A