

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Proposal Review Panel for Astronomical Sciences

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
National Science Foundation	2026
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Proposal Review Panel for Astronomical Sciences	1186

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

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

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

11. Establishment Authority	Agency Authority		
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
ADM IV-100	11/29/1990	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

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?

Panel deliberations resulted in the review and ranking of proposals in areas of special emphasis in the Division of Astronomical Sciences. This advice aided AST Program Managers in their funding decisions. Proposals were reviewed in the following programs: Astronomy & Astrophysics Research Grants (AAG), National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), National Solar Observatory (NSO), CAREER, The Astronomy &

Astrophysics Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (AAPF), Mathematical and Physical Sciences Ascending Postdoctoral Fellowships (MPS-Ascend), Launching Early-Career Academic Pathways in the Mathematical and Physical Sciences (LEAPS-MPS), Partnerships in Astronomy and Astrophysics Research and Education (PAARE), Advanced Technology and Instrumentation Program (ATI), Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program (REU), Major Research Instrumentation (MRI), Green Bank Observatory (GBO), NSF's National Optical-Infrared Astronomy Research Laboratory (NOIRLab).

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The makeup of the individual panels was well balanced. Represented were women and minorities, and large and small institutions. Consideration was also given to the geographic areas represented. Expertise was available in terms of subject matter and research experience in the subdisciplines.

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

Each grant program in the Division of Astronomical Sciences has an annual deadline. This results in panel meetings for each program to review and rank the proposals. Periodic reviews are also held as part of the oversight and management of the national observatories.

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

Because of the complex nature of many of these proposals, the give-and-take discussion about each of the proposals which results from panel

meetings is necessary for a thorough review. No other source is available to us that has the required combination of expertise and experience.

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

Proposals reviewed 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

N/A

Designated Federal Officer

Hans Krimm Acting Deputy Division Director AST

Narrative Description

The NSF mission is set out in the NSF Act of 1950 and 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 judgements 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

NA

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

1,184

Number of Recommendations Comments

Please note that the number of recommendation is for the 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 for award 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 1,182
193

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval
\$93,653,642

Grant Review Comments

The panelists provide information on the merit of the proposals, which include an overall rating.

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

Checked if Applies

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| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

N/A