

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Alan T. Waterman Award Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
National Science Foundation	2026
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Alan T. Waterman Award Committee	1172

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/27/2025	06/27/2027	

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	Yes	Enacted

11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
42 USC 1881a	04/13/1976	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Other 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 FY	Next 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 annually to review nominations and provide a recommendation to the NSF Director and the National Science Board for the current year's Waterman Awardee.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee is comprised of 18 members, 4 of whom are ex officio (the Chairman, National Science Board; Presidents of the National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Engineering; and the Director, NSF). The 14

appointed members are from among recognized leaders in the various fields of science and engineering from among those in which the Award is given.

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

The Committee meets once a year. The Committee receives nominations from all disciplines supported by the NSF and provides expertise to review and recommend from a wide variety of programs.

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

The Committee is composed of outstanding working scientists from all disciplines who are knowledgeable about current and on-going research programs throughout the country. Other Advisory Committees established at the NSF are directed toward specific disciplines and/or programs.

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

The nominations of performance of employees reviewed and discussed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would have constituted unwarranted invasions of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

The America COMPETES Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-69 SEC. 7015) gives NSF the authorization to award up to three candidates per fiscal year.

Designated Federal Officer

Gayle Pugh Lev Program Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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Lupia, Arthur	10/01/2024	09/30/2027	Regents of the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mallapragada, Surya	10/01/2024	09/30/2026	Iowa State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ondrechen, Mary Jo	10/01/2024	09/30/2026	Northeastern University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Perez, Lance	10/01/2024	09/30/2026	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ramirez-Lugo, Juan	10/01/2024	09/30/2027	University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ramirez-Ruiz, Enrico	10/01/2024	09/30/2026	University of California-Santa Cruz	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith-Jackson, Tonya	10/01/2024	10/01/2027	North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

Narrative Description

The NSF mission is set out in the NSF Act of 1950, which 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 nominations is the keystone of NSF's review system. Their judgments of the extent to which nominations address the eligibility criteria is vital for informing NSF staff and influencing award 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?

63

Number of Recommendations Comments

The committee made 3 recommendations for FY2025. The America COMPETES Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-69 SEC. 7015) gives NSF the authorization to award up to three candidates per fiscal year. The cumulative total for the life of this committee to date is 63.

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

NA

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

NA

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 the Advisory Committee members may not receive direct feedback, the committee manager provides information on awards made by the agency.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input 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 158

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 3

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval \$3,000,000

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