



**NSF SUPPORT
OF THE
SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND
ECONOMIC SCIENCES**



Office of the Director

**Directorate for Social,
Behavioral & Economic
Sciences**

**Social and Economic
Sciences**

**Behavioral and Cognitive
Sciences**

Science Resources Statistics

Role of the SBE Sciences

- Increase fundamental understanding of human social development and interaction; of how people behave, as individuals and as members of groups and more formal organizations
- Contribute knowledge that has societal relevance and can inform critical national areas such as terrorism; business failures; climate change; America's educational system; and ethnic and cultural diversity and equality
- NSF SBE is the primary steward of Federal support for basic SBE sciences in academe



Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences

- Supports research to develop and advance scientific knowledge focusing on human cognition, language, social behavior, and culture
- Supports research on the interactions between human societies and the physical environment



Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES)

- Supports research to develop and advance scientific knowledge focusing on economic, legal, political and social systems, organizations, and institutions
- Supports research on the intellectual and social contexts that govern the development and use of science and technology

Social and Economic Sciences

FY09 Program Allocations (millions of dollars)

- Cross-Directorate Activities \$3.8
- Decision, Risk, & Management Sciences \$7.52
- Economics \$25.81
- Innovation and Organizational Change \$3.37
- Law and Social Science \$5.08
- Methodology, Measurement & Statistics \$4.03
- Political Science \$9.95
- Science and Society \$8.99
- Sociology \$9.46





Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences

FY09 Program Allocations (millions of dollars)

- Archaeology & Archaeometry \$6.5
- Cultural Anthropology \$3.5
- Cognitive Neuroscience \$7.0
- Developmental & Learning Sciences \$6.3
- Geography & Regional Science \$6.4
- Linguistics \$7.5
- Perception, Action, & Cognition \$6.4
- Physical Anthropology \$3.8
- Social Psychology \$5.9



BCS Target Dates

December 1 & July 1

Archaeology & Archaeometry
Physical Anthropology

January 1 & August 1

Cultural Anthropology

January 15 & July 15

Cognitive Neuroscience
Developmental & Learning Sciences
Human Cognition & Perception
Linguistics
Social Psychology

January 15 & August 15

Geography & Regional Science



SES Target Dates

January 15 & August 15

Economics

Law and Social Science

Methodology, Measurement & Statistics

Political Science

Sociology

January 18 & August 18

Decision, Risk, & Management Sciences

February 1 & August 1

Science and Society

September 3 and February 2

Innovation and Organizational Change

Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences Programs

Disciplinary

- Cultural Anthropology
- Physical Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Linguistics
- Social Psychology
- Economics
- Sociology
- Political Science

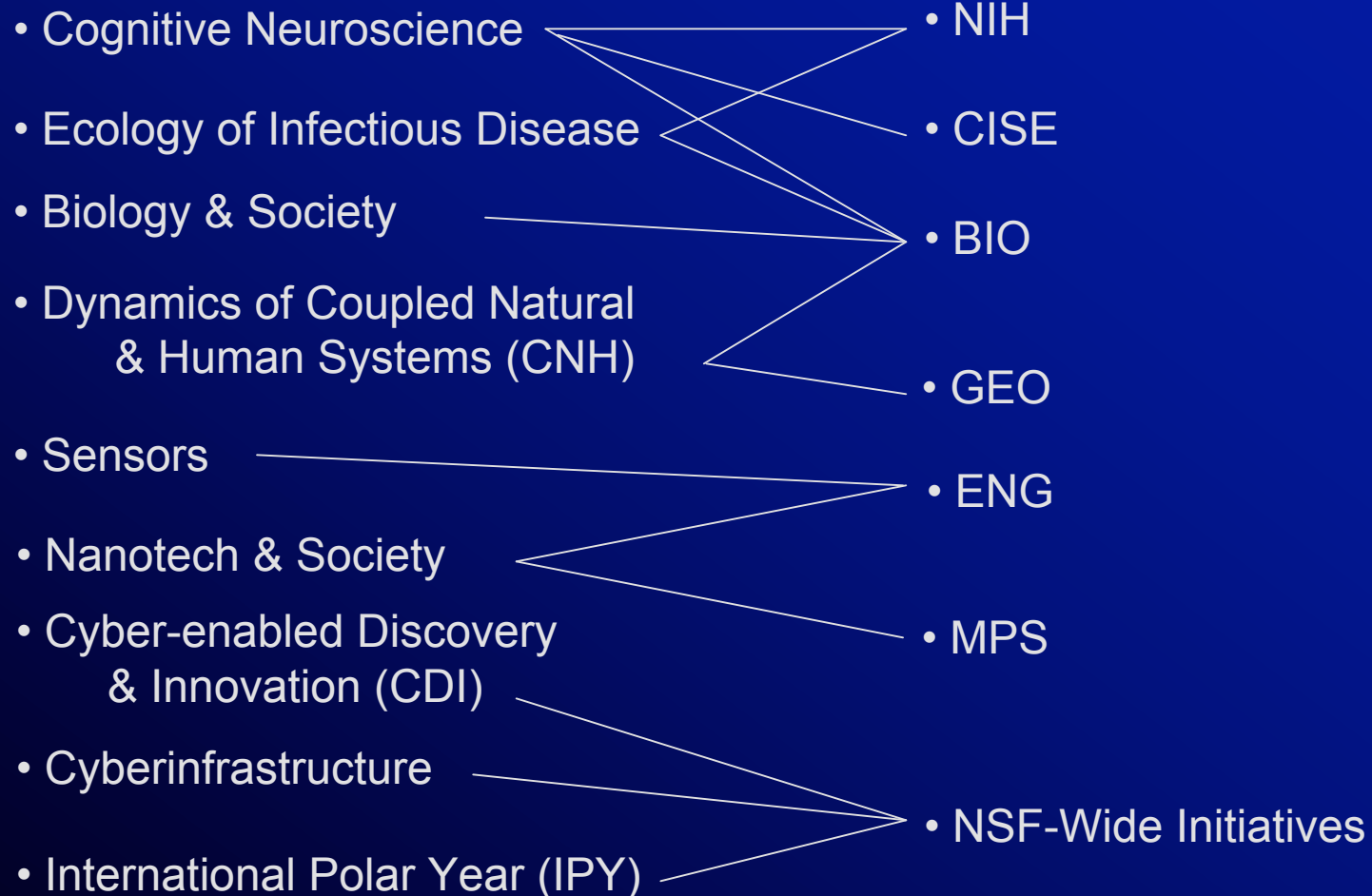
Inter-Disciplinary

- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Developmental & Learning Sciences
- Documenting Endangered Languages
- Perception, Action & Cognition
- Human Origins (Moving in New Directions)
- Geography & Regional Science
- Environmental, Social & Behavioral Science
- Decision, Risk & Management Sciences
- Science of Science & Innovation Policy
- Innovation & Organizational Sciences
- Methodology, Measurement & Statistics
- Science & Society
- Law & Social Sciences

Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences Joint Funding

Joint-Funded Programs

Funding Partners



Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Awards

Small grants to provide funds for items not normally provided through the student's institution

- Archaeology
- Cultural Anthropology
- Decision, Risk, & Management Science
- Economics
- Geography & Regional Science
- Law and Social Science
- Linguistics
- Physical Anthropology
- Political Science
- Science and Society
- Sociology

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Opportunities

- Research Experiences for Undergraduates
- SBE Minority-Post Doctoral Research and Fellow-up Research Starter Grants
- Research Conferences/Workshops
- Foundation-wide Funding Competitions
- Leveraging/Partnering with existing Projects

SBE-AGEP Participating Institutions

1. City University of New York (CUNY)
2. Howard University
3. Michigan State University
4. Northwestern University
5. Ohio State University
6. Pennsylvania State University
7. Temple University
8. Texas A&M University
9. Stanford University
10. University of California at Berkeley
11. University of California at Los Angeles
12. University California at Santa Barbara
13. University of Chicago
14. University of Florida
15. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
16. University of Maryland at College Park
17. University of Michigan
18. University of Miami
19. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
20. University of Wisconsin
21. University of Southern California
22. University of Texas at Austin
23. Wayne State University

University of California Diversity Initiative for Graduate Study in the Social Sciences (UC-DIGSSS)

University of California, Berkeley – Lead
University of California Los Angeles
University of California-Santa Barbara

Great Lakes Alliance for the Social & Behavioral Sciences (GLASS)

Northwestern University- Lead
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Ohio State University
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Pennsylvania State University, University Park
University of Chicago
Temple University

CUNY/Michigan Alliance

CUNY Graduate School - Lead
Michigan State University
Wayne State University
University of Michigan

Atlantic Coast Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences

University of Florida - Lead
University of Maryland, College Park
Howard University
University of Miami
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Diversifying Graduate Education in the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences

University of Texas, Austin - Lead
University of Southern California
Stanford University
Texas A&M University



Leveraging/Partnering with SBE- Alliances

- Serve as a Bridge Institution
- Develop an Exchange Program
- Undergraduate Summer Research Experiences
- Summer Intern Programs

Infrastructure for Research & Training

Examples of Large-Scale Social Science Data Resources

- American National Election Survey (ANES)
- General Social Survey (GSS)
- Integrated Public Use Data Series (IPUMS)
- National Historical Geographic Information System (NCGIS)
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)
- Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)



Myths about NSF

- Only funds scholars at elite graduate institutions
- Only funds “famous” academics
- Once declined, you are likely always to be declined
- Only funds “normal science”
- Advisory committees make funding decisions



QUESTIONS??

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