

ARTS, HUMANITIES, and INTERNATIONAL

NEA Research Grants in the Arts, FY 2026
National Endowment for the Arts

Notice seeking proposals for research studies that investigate the value and/or impact of the arts, either as individual components of the U.S. arts ecosystem or as they interact with each other and/or with other domains of American life.

Proposals are due March 24, 2025. Grant amounts are from \$20,000 to \$100,000. One to one match is required.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#); [Solicitation](#)

NEA Research Labs, FY 2026
National Endowment for the Arts

Notice seeking proposals for projects that support transdisciplinary research teams grounded in the social and behavioral sciences, yielding empirical insights about the arts for the benefit of arts and non-arts sectors alike.

Proposals are due March 24, 2025. Grant awards are from \$100,000 to \$300,000. One to one match is required.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#); [Solicitation](#)

EDUCATION and ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid
Executive Office of the President

Notice announcing 90-day pause in United States foreign development assistance for assessment of programmatic efficiencies and consistency with United States foreign policy. There will also be reviews and determinations of United States foreign assistance programs.

The 90-day pause is effective January 30, 2025.

LINKS: [Federal Register](#)

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS

Bioeffects Research of Directed Energy Exposure (BRDEE)
Defense

Notice seeking white papers related to directed energy (DE) technology. Technical objectives for proposed projects include: 1) DE bioeffects modeling, simulation, and analysis; 2) DE bioeffects experimentation; and 3) Engineering for DE bioeffects applications. See the related multiple authority announcement for additional information.

White papers are due March 2, 2025. An estimated \$39.7 million is available.

LINKS: [Contract Opportunities](#); [Contract Opportunities](#)

Sources for Ultraviolet Nuclear Spectroscopy of Thorium (SUNSPOT)

Defense

Notice seeking proposals in the development of highly coherent sources of vacuum ultraviolet (VUV) radiation for clock-grade spectroscopy of the recently discovered thorium (^{229m}Th) nuclear isomeric transition. Proposed research should investigate innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances in science, devices, or systems.

Proposals are due March 13, 2025. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#); [Contract Opportunities](#)

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee Energy

Notice announcing a meeting of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss major issues affecting the competitiveness of the U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. An agenda will be made available by February 10, 2025.

The meeting will be held February 12, 2025, from approximately 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST. Advanced registrations are required and due February 10, 2025 to the contact person.

LINKS: [Federal Register](#); [Agency Site](#)

Advanced Framework for Simulation, Integration, and Modeling For The Greater Enterprise (AFSIM FORGE) Defense

Notice seeking proposals to ease scenario and model creation, strengthen analytical conclusions, and enrich virtual wargaming experiences.

Intents to propose are requested and due February 21, 2025 via email. Proposals are due March 10, 2025. Up to four awards are anticipated.

LINKS: [Contract Opportunities](#)

Commercial Solutions Opening - ERDC Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory Defense

Notice seeking proposals to fund projects that are focused in the following five research and development thrust areas: Building Cold Region Domain Awareness; Enhancing Mobility and Maneuver in Cold Region Environments; Integrated Ice Operations; Advanced Materials Development and Applications in Extreme Cold Environments; and Resilient Cold Region Energy Systems.

Electronic submissions are due September 30, 2025.

LINKS: [Contract Opportunities](#); [Agency Site](#)

Critical Orientation of Mathematics to Produce Advancements in Science and Security (COMPASS) Defense

Notice seeking proposals to explore a wide range of new mathematical frameworks that have the potential to revolutionize Defense applications.

Abstracts are accepted on a rolling basis until May 12, 2025. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: [Contract Opportunities](#); [Solicitation](#)

Facilitating Research at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions: Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) and Research Opportunity Awards (ROA)
National Science Foundation

Notice seeking proposals to support predominantly undergraduate institutions (PUIs) faculty in STEM research that engages them in their professional field(s), builds capacity for research at their home institution, and supports the integration of research and undergraduate education.

Proposals are accepted at any time. An estimated \$56 million is available to fund up to 245 awards.

LINKS: [Grants.gov](#); [Solicitation](#); [Agency Site](#)

Microsystem Induced CAtalysis (MICA)
Defense

Notice seeking innovative proposals for the research and development of advanced concepts for modeling, simulation and fabrication of microsystem-based control of catalytic molecules. Proposed research should investigate innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances in science, devices, and systems. Specifically excluded is research that primarily results in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of practice.

Required abstracts are now due February 10, 2025. Proposals are due March 20, 2025. Multiple awards are anticipated.

LINKS: [Contract Opportunities](#); [Agency Site](#)

Operational Test and Training Infrastructure (OTTI) Commercial Solutions Opening (CSO)
Defense

Notice seeking proposals in two more areas of interest. One seeking innovative solutions that can provide state-of-the-art software application development supporting tactical command and control capabilities for the physical ranges of the NSTTC. The other area of interest seeking solutions to extend and enhance existing fielded USSF Space Flag distributed synthetic training capabilities to deliver the continuous, enduring, and integrated digital arena required to equip combat-ready Guardians for a Great Power Competition (GPC).

For NSTTC, white papers and PowerPoints are due March 11, 2025. For GPC, white papers and PowerPoints are due February 24, 2025.

LINKS: [Contract Opportunities](#)

Pioneering Aerospace Capabilities, Engineering and Research
Defense

Notice seeking white papers to develop and apply innovative technologies and approaches to speed the acquisition time of a flight control (FC) electromechanical actuation system (EMA) to 12 months or less and at lower cost that sufficiently meets the performance and reliability requirements for an accepted risk.

White papers are due March 3, 2025.

LINKS: [Contract Opportunities](#)

BioElectronics to Sense and Treat (BEST) Proposers' Day
Defense

Notice announcing a hybrid proposers' day for the potential proposer community in support of a planned program solicitation for the BioElectronics to Sense and Treat (BEST) program. The BEST program seeks to support the developing of wearable, automated technologies that can predict and prevent a wound infection before it can occur, and to eliminate an infection if it has already taken hold.

The Proposers Day will be held in person at Strategic Analysis, Inc. Executive Conference Center (SAECC), 4075 Wilson Blvd #200, Arlington, VA 22203 and via webcast on February 19, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The deadline for the required registration is February 14, 2025.

LINKS: [Contract Opportunities](#)