Glossary

This glossary is intended to inform potential grantees about the various acronyms and terminology used around National Science Foundation's work and projects.

AACC—American Association of Community Colleges

AD—Assistant Director

AIT—American Institute of Technology

AOR—Authorized Organizational Representative

APR—Annual Progress Report

ASEE—American Society for Engineering Education

ATE—Advanced Technological Education

ACM$—Awards Cash Management Service

BI — Broader Impacts - The project's potential to contribute to the achievement of specific desired societal outcomes.

CA—Cooperative Agreement

CAS—Cost Accounting Standards

CFR—Code of Federal Regulations

CGI—Continuing Grant Increment

CIESIN—Center for International Earth Science Information Network

Co-PD—Co-Project Director

Co-PI—Co-Principal Investigator

Current & Pending Support – information on all current & pending support for ongoing projects and proposals committing a person's time.

DDI—Data Documentation Initiative

DCL—Dear Colleague Letter

DUNS —Data Universal Numbering System

DGA—Division of Grants and Agreements

DUE—Division of Undergraduate Education

EFT—Electronic Funds Transfer

EvaluATE—promotes the goals of the Advanced Technological Education program and ATE projects and centers to strengthen the program's evaluation knowledge, expand the use of exemplary evaluation practices, and support the continuous improvement of technician education

EPSCoR— Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research - Targeted jurisdictions (states, territories, commonwealth) by strengthening STEM capacity and capability

F and A—Facilities and Administrative costs

FAQ's—Frequently Asked Questions

FFRDC—Federally Funded Research and Development Center

FY/E—Fiscal Year Ending

FASTLANE— Interactive real-time system used to conduct NSF business

GC-1—Grant General Conditions

HI-TEC—High Impact Technology Exchange Conference

HSI—Hispanic Serving Institution

ICP—Indirect Cost Proposal

ICT—Information and Communication Technologies

IM—Intellectual Merit - The project's potential to advance knowledge.

IPA—Institutional Program Assistant. Temporary program officer

IPEDS—Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

IRB—Institutional Review Board

Logic Model—Hypothesized description of the chain of causes and effects leading to an outcome of interest. Tool for designing projects and evaluating them.

LOI—Letters of Intent

M-C—Mentor-Connect

Merit review—process that incorporates consideration of both the technical aspects of a proposed project and its potential to contribute more broadly to advancing NSF's mission "to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense; and for other purposes."

Metadata—Data about data

MRB—Merit Review Board

NSB—National Science Board

NSF—National Science Foundation

NCSES—National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics

O and M—Operation and Maintenance

ODI—Office of Diversity and Inclusion

OHRP—Office of Human Research Protections

OMB—Office of Management and Budget

OSTP—Office of Science and Technology Policy

PAPPG - Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide

PD—Project Director

PI—Principal Investigator

PNAG—Prospective New Awardee Guide

PO—Program Officer

POR—Project Outcomes Report

RFP—Request for Proposal

SAM—Systems Award Management- https://www.sam.gov

SATA—Scientific and Advanced Technology Act. The legislation that established ATE.

SLO—Student Learning Outcomes

Solicitation – Current NSF Proposal information in desired track

SRO—Sponsored Research Office (Officer)/ Grants Office (Officer)

SSVD—Social Science Variables Database

STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics