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- Merit Review Report Discussion
- NSF 2026–2030 Strategic Plan Update
- A&F Report and Action Item—
 - Information item: Legend 1000
 - NGF Operations and Maintenance Award

Plenary Board Meeting

Open Session: 10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

- Acting Chair's Remarks
 - Acknowledgements
 - Activities Report
 - Approval of Open Plenary Minutes—December 2024 and May 2025
- Approval of NSB's 2026 Meeting Calendar
- Panel—The Power of Science and Technology Research: Driving American Innovation
 - A.N. Sreeram, Dow
 - Bill Daly, NVIDIA
 - Wen Hsieh, Matter Venture Partners
 - Moderator, NSB Member Ryan Panchadsaram

Plenary Board Meeting

Open Session: 1:00–2:25 p.m.

- NSB Honorary Awards: Award Presentation and Panel Discussion
 - Robert W. Conn, Vannevar Bush Award
 - Rocco Mennella and Jane Hemelt, NSB Science and Society Award
 - Moderator, NSB External Engagement Chair Dorota Grejner-Brzenzinska
- Indicators 2026: Discovery Report, Brief, and Fact Sheet
- Graduate Research Fellowship Update
- Gold Standard Science Update
- Merit Review Digest Overview

Plenary Board Meeting

Executive Closed Session: 2:35–3:50 p.m.

- Acting Chair's Opening Remarks about the agenda
 - Approval of closed Executive Plenary Closed minutes—May 2025
- NSF Staffing
- NSF Relocation
- NSF Director Search
- NSB Election of Board Chair, possible election of Vice Chair

PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

10:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Plenary NSB

1:00 p.m.–2:25 p.m. Plenary NSB

PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

1:00 p.m.–2:10 p.m. A&F

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

9:25 a.m.–10:35 a.m. Plenary NSB

2:35 p.m.–3:50 p.m. Executive Plenary NSB

Members of the public are advised that the *NSB provides some flexibility around start and end times*. A session may be allowed to run over by as much as 15 minutes if the Chair decides the extra time is warranted. The next session will start no later than 15 minutes after the noticed start time. If a session ends early, the next meeting may start up to 15 minutes earlier than the noticed start time. Sessions will not vary from the times noticed by more than 15 minutes.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The NSB Office contact is Christopher Blair, cblair@nsf.gov, 703–292–7000. The NSB Public Affairs contact is Nadine Lymn, nlymn@nsf.gov, 703–292–2490. Please refer to the NSB website for additional information: <https://www.nsf.gov/nsb>.

Ann Bushmiller,

Senior Counsel to the National Science Board.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Request for Public Comment: National Plan for Arctic Research

AGENCY: National Science Foundation (NSF).

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC), chaired by the National Science Foundation, seeks public input from all interested parties on national needs regarding the Arctic and the research necessary to address those needs. The public input provided in response to this RFI will inform the update of the five-year National Arctic Research Plan for 2027–2031.

DATES: Written responses are due by October 15, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals and organizations should submit comments electronically via email to IARPCPlan@nsf.gov. Send written submissions to Roberto Delgado, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Instructions:

Response to this RFI is voluntary. Please note that all submissions received in response to this notice may be publicly posted or otherwise released in their entirety. Do not include in your submissions any copyrighted material; information of a confidential nature, such as personal or proprietary

information; or any information you would not like to be made publicly available. NSF will not respond to individual submissions. A response to this RFI will not be viewed as a binding commitment to develop or pursue the project or ideas discussed. This RFI is not accepting applications for financial assistance or financial incentives. Responses containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of or electronic links to the referenced materials. Responses from minors, or responses containing profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language or content will not be considered. Comments submitted in response to this notice are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Please note that the United States Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in a response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact the IARPC Executive Secretary, Dr. Lesley Anderson, at 571–565–6963, or by email at leanders@associates.nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (ARPA), 15 U.S.C. Chapter 67, provides for a comprehensive national policy to identify and address national research needs and objectives in the Arctic. The ARPA established an Arctic Research Commission (USARC), designated the National Science Foundation as the lead agency responsible for implementing Arctic research policy, and established an Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC). The ARPA legislation charges the IARPC, in cooperation with the USARC, to develop and establish an integrated national Arctic research policy that will guide Federal agencies in implementing their research programs in the Arctic.

About the Arctic Research Plan

IARPC is required by law to prepare and execute a 5-year Arctic Research Plan, which helps to coordinate the overall Federal effort in Arctic research. To date, three five-year Arctic Research Plans have been released and implemented, the most recent covering 2022–2026, and the current Implementation Plan for 2025–2026 is available here. As required by the ARPA legislation, IARPC works in partnership with USARC, as well as with representatives from Arctic communities, federally recognized Tribal groups, the State of Alaska, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, research institutions, and

the academic community. Accordingly, the current Plan is being implemented by nine collaboration teams and eleven communities of practice which are co- led by Federal agency staff and non-Federal individuals with subject matter expertise.

These Arctic Research Plans reflect the goals and missions of the Federal agencies supporting research in the Arctic and focus on research which will be enhanced through collaboration among Federal agencies, as opposed to agencies working alone. The updated Arctic Research Plan will guide Federal coordination of Arctic research for the period 2027–2031, positioning the United States to remain a global leader in Arctic research and stewardship for many years to come.

Seeking Public Input

As called for in the ARPA, IARPC seeks input from any interested individuals and organizations to ensure that the research interests and needs of all are addressed appropriately in the updated Plan. IARPC is committed to an open engagement process throughout the development of the Plan.

In particular, IARPC is interested in feedback in response to the following questions regarding what updates should be made to the Arctic Research Plan 2027–2031:

1. What are the critical issues and needs where federally-funded science, engineering, and technology research should provide knowledge to promote sound decision-making at all levels related to the Arctic?
2. What are examples of research questions that address these issues?

Background

For context, the current Plan “Arctic Research Plan 2022–2026” has four policy drivers, four priority areas, and five foundational activities.

The policy drivers for the Arctic Research Plan FY2022–2026 are:

- Enhance the well-being of Arctic residents;
 - Advance stewardship of the Arctic environment;
 - Strengthen national and regional security; and
 - Improve understanding of the Arctic as a component of planet Earth
- The priority areas for the Arctic Research Plan FY2022–2026 are:
- Community Resilience and Health
 - Sustainable Economies and Livelihoods
 - Risk Management and Hazard Mitigation
 - Arctic System Interactions

The foundational activities for the current Arctic Research Plan, which are

meant to undergird the priority areas, are:

- Data management
- Education and Training
- Monitoring, Observation, Modeling and Prediction
- Technology Innovation and Application
- Tribal Consultation and Effective Processes

For the full Arctic Research Plan 2022–2026, see: <https://www.iarpc.collaborations.org/uploads/cms/documents/final-arp-2022-2026-20211214.pdf>.

For the full Arctic Research Plan 2017–2021, see: https://www.iarpc.collaborations.org/download.axd?file=iarpc_arctic_research_plan_2017-2021.pdf.

For the full Arctic Research Plan 2013–2017, see: https://www.iarpc.collaborations.org/uploads/cms/documents/arctic_research_2013.pdf.

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Dated: July 17, 2025.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (13883) (Virtual).

Date and Time: August 15, 2025; 10 a.m.–6 p.m. eastern time.

Place: NSF 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314 | Virtual.

This is a virtual meeting. Members and the public may attend this meeting virtually via Zoom. Attendance information for the meeting will be forthcoming on the AAAC website: <https://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aaac.jsp>.

Registration for the virtual meeting can be accessed via the following link: https://nsf.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_JBI9nvj0RAOnNBCyYMkzVA.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Jacqueline Keane, Program Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite W 9147, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: 703–292–8123.

Purpose of Meeting: To hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them.

Agenda: To provide updates on Agency activities and to discuss the Committees draft annual report due 15 March 2026.

Dated: July 17, 2025.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Weeks of July 21, 28, and August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2025. The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the internet at: <https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

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STATUS: Public.

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MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of July 21, 2025

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of July 21, 2025.