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Deadline: June 17, 2017

Equity-free seed funding to help transform your innovative idea into a scalable product or service.

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Up to \$225,000 for early-stage product development.

- We offer seed-stage startups with the funding they need to commercialize — up to \$225k for proof-of-concept product development or research.
- 0% equity. (Spell out what this means and how this is a huge benefit)

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What we offer

Upcoming events

APRIL 5, 2017 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ET

Webinar Q&A

Program Director, Ben Schrag, will answer your questions about the NSF seed fund and what you need to apply for the upcoming deadline.

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We provide funding for the high-risk, early product development stage

Since 1977, the NSF seed fund (powered by SBIR/STTR) has helped startups develop their ideas and bring them to market. We support tech innovation — not just in traditional scientific fields — but [across all tech sectors](#), including edtech, IoT, big data, smart health, hardware, even social networks. Between 2007 and 2016 alone, we funded roughly 400 companies each year.

We’re diverse

Great ideas aren’t limited by geography, and we seek to fund companies both inside and outside of the major tech hotbeds. We also have a mission to promote the innovations of women, people of color, and other folks from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in tech.

Our portfolio

Are you a good fit?

We’re always looking to support innovative, high-risk work that needs a bit more research and development. As we review applications, we also consider your company’s potential for commercial and social impact — your technology needs to have a good market fit and the potential to meaningfully benefit society.

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