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BUDGET

~\$224M combined SBIR/STTR budget

NUMBER OF AWARDS

Phase I ~300 per year

Phase II ~120 per year

TOPIC AREAS / AREAS OF INTEREST

Topic Areas/Technologies of Interest: America's Seed Fund powered by NSF encourages proposals in all areas of science and engineering. An exact fit into one of these topics or subtopics is not required. Download a searchable PDF of the full list of technology topic areas with descriptions.

To review the full list of current topic areas please visit:

<https://seedfund.nsf.gov/portfolio/>

UNIQUENESS

- NSF seeks technologies that are commercially transformative, high-risk and have market pull. Over the past 10 years, NSF-funded small businesses have raised over \$25 billion in follow-on investment and have had over 440 exits.
- If none of the technology topic areas are a fit, you can apply under the Other Topics (OT) category.
- An invited Project Pitch is required as prerequisite for full grant application submission. For more information visit: <https://seedfund.nsf.gov/apply/project-pitch/>
- NSF awards maximize flexibility for the entrepreneur, and the program is led by Program Directors with deep technical and entrepreneurial experience.
- Phase I awardees participate in the Beat-The-Odds Boot Camp, an adapted version of the NSF's Innovation Corps program.

General NSF SBIR/STTR Program Information: <https://seedfund.nsf.gov/>

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