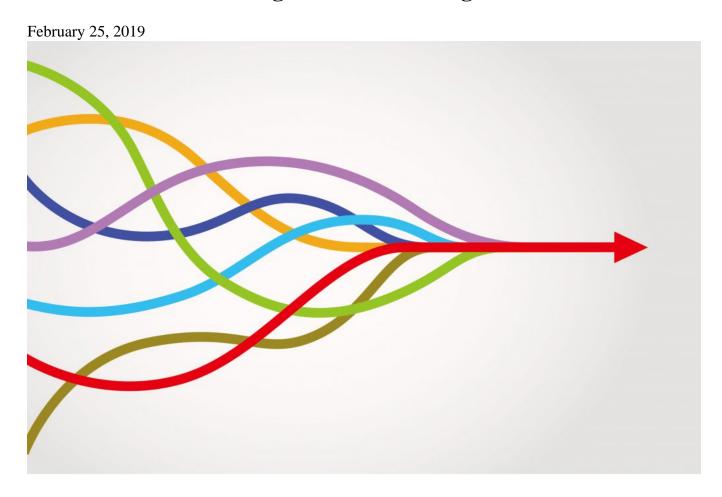
NSF Launches New Program to Fund Integrative Science



The National Science Foundation (NSF) has announced a <u>new NSF-wide programcalled Growing Convergence Research</u>. Through this program, NSF looks to fund research proposals on the topic of integrative, interdisciplinary teamresearch that addresses complex social problems.

Convergence research has two primary characteristics, according to NSF. First, it is driven by a specific and compelling problem, soapplicants to this new program should demonstrate how their project addresses associetal need or essential scientific question. Second, convergence research is deeply integrated across disciplines, so primary investigators should plan to bringtogether a diverse range of experts from different disciplines in their project proposals.

Growing Convergence Research grants will support research forup to 5 years across two phases, for a total of up to \$3.6 million per award. Ifinterested, teams of social, behavioral, and economic scientists; experts ineducation and human resources; and computer and information engineers fromindustry, nonprofit, governmental, academic, and other organizations are welcome to apply.

Applicants should describe a long-term research plan foraddressing a challenge that spans across NSF directorates and divisions and isnot supported by existing NSF initiatives. The proposal should include a planoutlining communication and collaboration among the team members. The communication plan may

include adopting a common framework for a solution, establishing new scientificvocabulary, or creating learning experiences for graduate students and thoseearly in their career.

The first full proposal deadline is May 8, 2019, followed by a second full proposal deadline on February 3, 2020 and the first Monday in February annually thereafter. Researchers may wish to submit a brief synopsis of their proposal to gcrelig@nsf.gov for feedback on suitability for the call at least 30 days before the targeted submission deadline.

For the full Growing Convergence Research program solicitation, click here.

Interested in thetopic of integrative science? Be sure to attend the InternationalConvention of Psychological Science, 7-9 March 2019 in Paris, France. Leadershipfrom other NSF programs willbe present to discuss funding opportunities at NSF for psychological scientists.