



# Space Science Funding Opportunities at AFOSR

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# **DoD Space Weather Enterprise**





WEATHER DRIVES BEHAVIOR



The Defense Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, Congress reauthorized the program in FY18 to build the national infrastructure by improving the capacity of institutions of higher education to conduct sustainable and national competitive defense-related basic research in historically-underrepresented 37 states and territories.

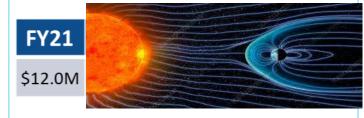
## **Eligibility**

- Enhance the capabilities of institutions of higher education in eligible state and territories
- Increase the number of university researchers in eligible state/territories
- Increase the probability of longterm growth in the competitively awarded eligible states/territories

#### **Stakeholders**

- Every AFOSR portfolio
- AFRL
- ONR
- ARO
- OUSD / DoD
- Scientific Community

#### Budget



#### FY20

6 awards (2 per service)

#### FY21

12 awards (4 per service)

# National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG)



This congressionally mandated program under the direction of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, OUSD (R&E), is a tri-service fellowship program sponsored by the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), the Army Research Office (ARO), and the Office of Naval Research (ONR) designed to increase the number of US citizens receiving doctorates in research discipline areas of military importance at US institutions

- Serve as the DoD NDSEG program manager
  - COR for three active task orders
- Three year fellowship includes: full tuition/fees, \$3,400 monthly stipend, \$5,000 travel budget, & \$1,400 healthcare insurance

#### **NDSEG Mentor Program**

- Establish a one on one relationship with fellows and DoD S&Es
  - Host quarterly meetings
  - Advise fellows on career development
  - Promote DoD internships and research opportunities
- Serves as pipeline for DoD workforce development of future S&Es

# **Budget**

**BPAC: 61103F** 

FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
(M)	(M)	(M)	(M)	(M)
\$43.5	\$45.0	\$45.0 \$3.0	\$45.0	\$45.0

150-180 awards annually

\*: OSD Funds

#### **NDSEG Conference**

- Establish a relationship with fellows to increase DoD engagement
- Build networking community
- Connect fellows with sponsoring agency S&Es
- Provide valuable perspective on related research conducted across the defense community





# Defense University Research Initiative (DURIP)



DURIP is an Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Research and Engineering (OUSDR&E) sponsored tri-service program designed to improve the capabilities of accredited United States (US) institutions of higher education to conduct research and to educate scientists and engineers in areas important to national defense by providing funds for the acquisition of research equipment or instrumentation.

- Yearly budget \$15M to \$20M 12-month awards
- \$50K to \$1.5M (average \$300K)

# **Eligibility**

- Open to all not-for-profit US institutions of higher education
- Instrumentation vests with institution – no citizenship requirements
- No past, current, or future DoD funding required

#### **Stakeholders**

- Every AFOSR portfolio
- AFRL
- OUSD / DoD
- Scientific Community
- Warfighter
- STEM professionals (current and future)







The YIP is awarded to outstanding early career S&Es who show innovative and "high" risk basic research directly related to AFOSR portfolios in promising and potential groundbreaking topics resulting in "high" reward

- Three year research grant totals \$450,000 (\$150,000 annually)

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- US citizen or permanent resident
- Within seven years of receiving PhD
- Employed by US institution, for profit businesses, or non-profit research organizations

#### **Budget**

**BPAC: 61102F** 

		FY18 (M)		
\$16.5	\$17.7	\$17.1	\$16.3	\$16.4

One YIP per portfolio awarded

# **Recipient Attributes**

- Address DAF and DOD future research needs in critical technology areas
- Foster creative basic research
- Enhance career development of early career researcher



# Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI)



The MURI is an OUSDR&E sponsored tri-service program that supports academic research teams in conducting ground-breaking, field-changing basic research addressing problems that span multiple disciplines. MURIs are extremely competitive awards for high-risk and innovative research that cannot be accomplished via single investigator grants.

- Yearly budget \$65M to \$70M
   3 year awards / optional 2 years
- \$1.5M/year

8 new starts per cycle

## Eligibility

- Open to US institutions of higher education
- Must be multidisciplinary
- Does not have to be more than one institution

#### **Stakeholders**

- Every AFOSR portfolio
- AFRL
- OUSD / DoD
- Scientific Community
- Warfighter
- STEM professionals (current and future)

## **Budget**

# 61103F (OUSDR&E)





 Read and respond to Broad Agency Announcement –on grants.gov – search AFOSR BAA

# The Proposal

- White paper
- Abstract : Please say what you are going to do
- Body of proposal: Make the case for why. What is the outstanding science question?
- Research Plan: Please outline what you will do.

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