



NSF funding to fight COVID-19

Multiple funding opportunities are available for small businesses with technology that could aid in the effort to combat COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2). In an effort to fund COVID-19 research quickly, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is encouraging small businesses that have technology applicable to COVID-19 that include but are not limited to:

- Artificial intelligence
- Digital health
- Diagnostics
- Distributed ledger
- Environmental technologies
- Medical devices
- Pharmaceutical technologies
- Disinfection and sterilization
- Filtration and separations

These opportunities are constantly changing, so we encourage you to continue to monitor agency websites for new notices.

Your first step is to submit a required Project Pitch:

- Select “COVID-19” as the SBIR/STTR topic area on the Project Pitch form
- Reference the word “COVID-19” and the Dear Colleague Letter (NSF 20-065) in the “Describe the Technology/Innovation” field

Companies that receive an invitation to submit a Full Proposal (based on a COVID-19 Project Pitch) should then submit their NSF SBIR/STTR Phase I proposals through [NSF Fastlane portal](#). Follow the NSF SBIR and STTR Phase I solicitation guidelines with the following additional guidance:

- The term “COVID-19” must be in the proposal title
- Small businesses are encouraged to facilitate an expedited submission and review by submitting a nine-page project description

To ensure that your proposal meets NSF guidelines, refer to the specific instructions you’ll find at [NSF SBIR/STTR proposal instructions](#).

Contact [BBCetc](#) to learn more about how we can assist you in successfully preparing and submitting your NSF applications. Companies in CT may qualify for low cost assistance in preparing your SBIR proposal.