



Accelerating Research to Impact

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Promote the
progress of
science



Advance the
national health,
prosperity and
welfare

Secure
the national
defense



Today's agenda

- Inspiration, vision
- Mission, functions, program
- Status



Changing landscape



Pressing socioeconomic challenges



Changing climate

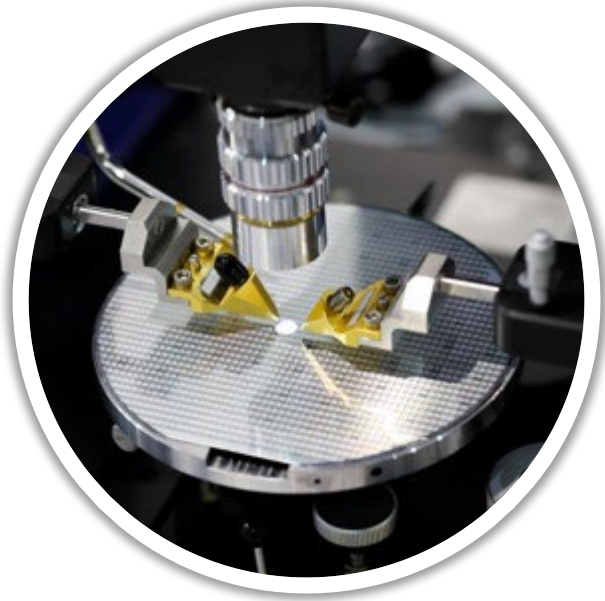


Equitable access to education, health care



Critical and resilient infrastructure

Evolving research and innovation ecosystem



Pace of discovery accelerated by data, emerging technologies



Demand for societal impact

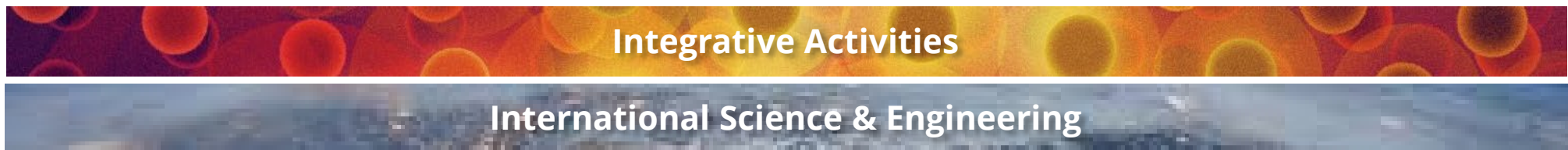


Opportunity to leverage partnerships

A new “horizontal” to enhance use-inspired and translational research



DIRECTORATE FOR TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIPS (TIP)



TIP's Mission



TIP harnesses the nation's vast and diverse talent pool to advance critical and emerging technologies, address pressing societal and economic challenges, and accelerate the translation of research results from lab to market and society. TIP improves U.S. competitiveness, growing the U.S. economy and training a diverse workforce for future, high-wage jobs.

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Nurtures regional and national innovation and technology ecosystems to support researchers and innovators.



Establishing Translation Pathways

Supports startups through a lab-to-market platform and establishes new pathways for translating research results.



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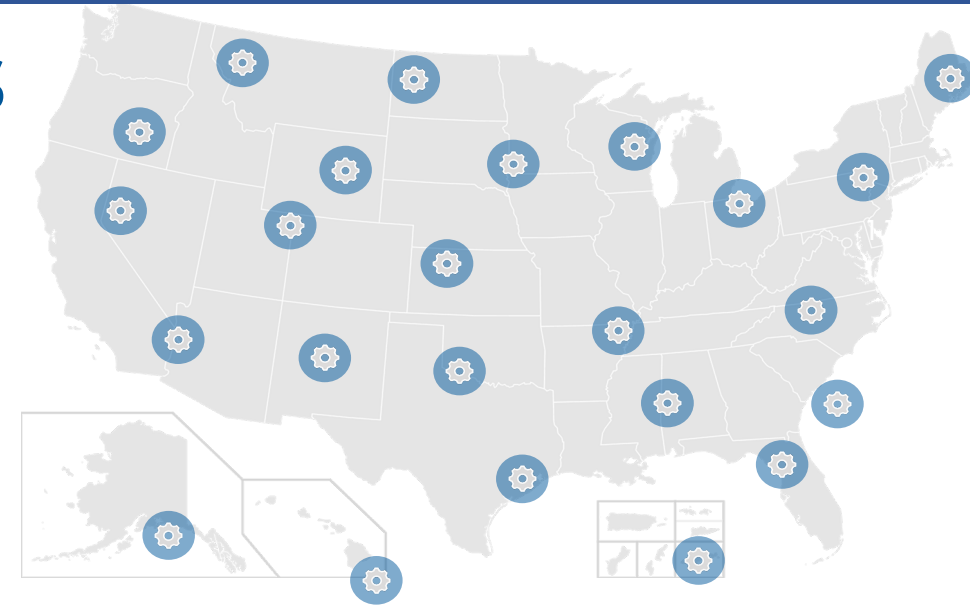


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NSF Regional Innovation Engines

Supports the development of diverse, regional coalitions to engage in use-inspired research, drive research results to the market and society, promote workforce development, and ultimately stimulate the economy and create new jobs.



NSF Engines are funded **up to \$160 million** for **up to 10 years**

NSF Engine Development Awards - up to **\$1 million** for **up to 2 years** to plan for an Engine. (Awards coming soon!)

Convergence Accelerator



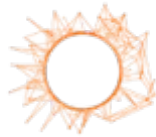
Track A

Open Knowledge Networks



Track B

AI and the Future of Work



Track C

Quantum Technology



Track D

AI-Innovation Data Sharing & Modeling



Track E

Networked Blue Economy



Track F

Trust & Authenticity in Communication Systems

2019 COHORT
Phase 2

2020 COHORT
Phase 2

2021 COHORT
Phase 1



Track G

Securely Operating Through 5G Infrastructure (joint with DOD)



Track H

Enhancing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities



Track I

Sustainable Materials for Global Challenges



Track J

Food & Nutrition Security

Track K

Equitable Water Solutions

Track L

Real-World Chemical Sensing Applications

Track M

Bio-Inspired Design Innovations

2022 COHORT

FUTURE COHORT

Convergence Accelerator

Convergence Accelerator multidisciplinary teams use convergence research fundamentals and innovation processes to stimulate innovative idea sharing and development of sustainable solutions.

PHASE I (PLANNING):

Up to \$750,000 over 9 months

PHASE II (IMPLEMENTATION):

Up to \$5 Million over 24 months



NSF broadens participation in innovation ecosystems by supporting capacity building at institutions of higher education

NEW



More information @ beta.nsf.gov/tip/latest

\$Up to \$400,000 for
three years



- The Enhancing Partnerships to Increase Innovation Capacity (EPIIC) program will provide training and networking support to help build more inclusive innovation ecosystems and pathway into NSF Engines.

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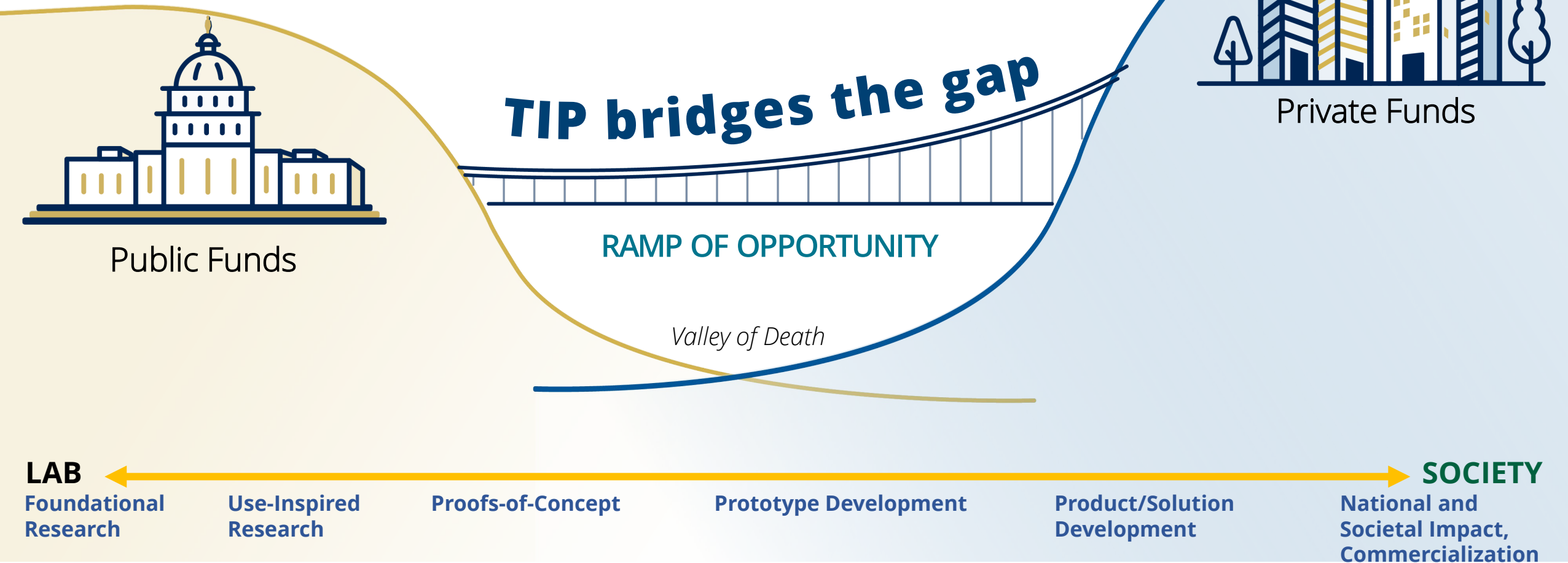
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NSF programs power technology breakthroughs



America's Seed Fund (SBIR/STTR)

Up to **\$2 Million** in R&D funding for startups to develop transformative, deep tech, high-impact technologies



America's
SEED FUND
SBIR.STTR

Phase I

6-12 months

Up to **\$275,000**

Phase II

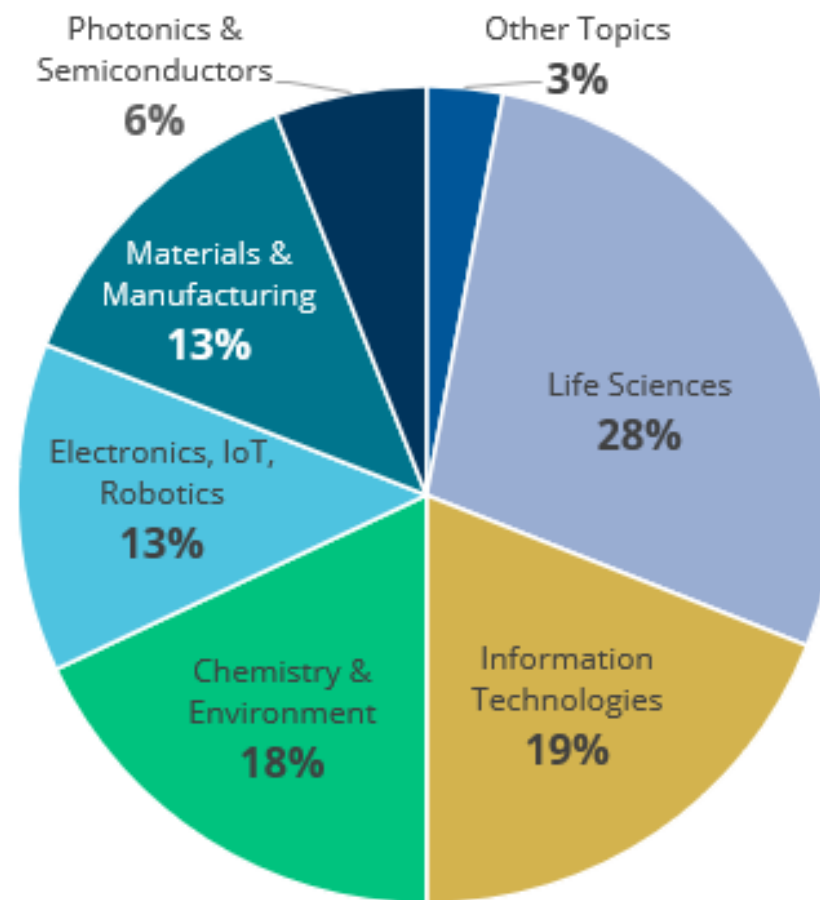
2 years

Up to **\$1M**

Phase IIB

Up to

\$500,000



- Get started any time at seedfund.nsf.gov/apply

* Funding amount reflects total dollars obligated on SBIR/STTR awards and supplements through September 30, 2020. This amount excludes 1) the SBIR/STTR admin fund, 2) any award that were made for purposes other than funding small businesses, and 3) awards and supplements that have been cancelled

Partnerships for Innovation (PFI)

- Translational research toward proof-of-concept of a future product, process or service.
- For researchers with NSF funding
- Two Tracks:
 - Technology Translation

**2 years
up to \$550,000**

- Research Partnerships (industry partner required)

**3 years
up to \$1 million**

<https://beta.nsf.gov/funding/initiatives/pfi>

Innovation Corps (I-Corps™)

- Spur translation of fundamental research to the marketplace.
- Train NSF-funded faculty, students, and other researchers in innovation and entrepreneurship skills.

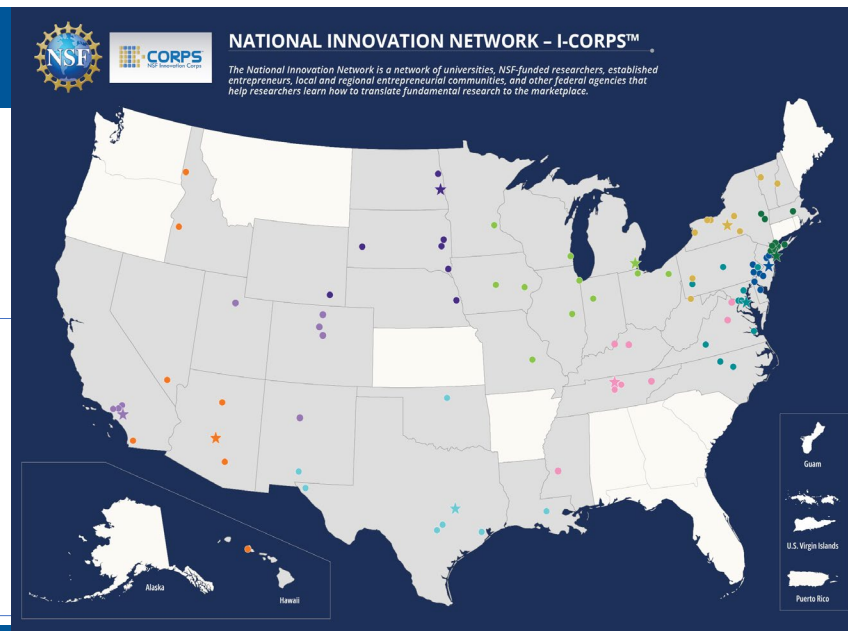
Reach

10

I-Corps Hubs involving nearly 100 universities

40+

University Sites & Nodes



Outputs

5,800

Individuals trained since 2012

1,000+

Startups created

Pathways to Enable Open-Source Ecosystems (POSE)

Harnesses the power of open-source development for the creation of new technology solutions to:

- ensure more secure open-source products;
- increase coordination of developer contributions and
- a more focused route to impactful technologies.

Phase I – 1 year
Up to **\$300,000**

Phase II – 2 years
Up to **\$1.5M**

NSF ART: New \$60 million NSF program aims to grow speed, scale of research solutions

NEW

Up to \$6 million over 
four years

- The **Accelerating Research Translation**, or ART program, will support institutions of higher education to build capacity and infrastructure to strengthen and scale the translation of basic research outcomes into impactful solutions.

More information @ beta.nsf.gov/tip/latest

NEW

NSF ExLENT: a workforce development program that opens new doors in emerging technology fields



Up to \$1 million over  three years

- ExLENT program promotes partnerships between organizations in emerging technology fields and those with expertise in workforce development to expand practical learning opportunities for individuals interested in entering or gaining more experience in emerging and novel technology.

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NSF launches entrepreneurial fellowship program for engineers and scientists

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At least \$350,000 in direct support



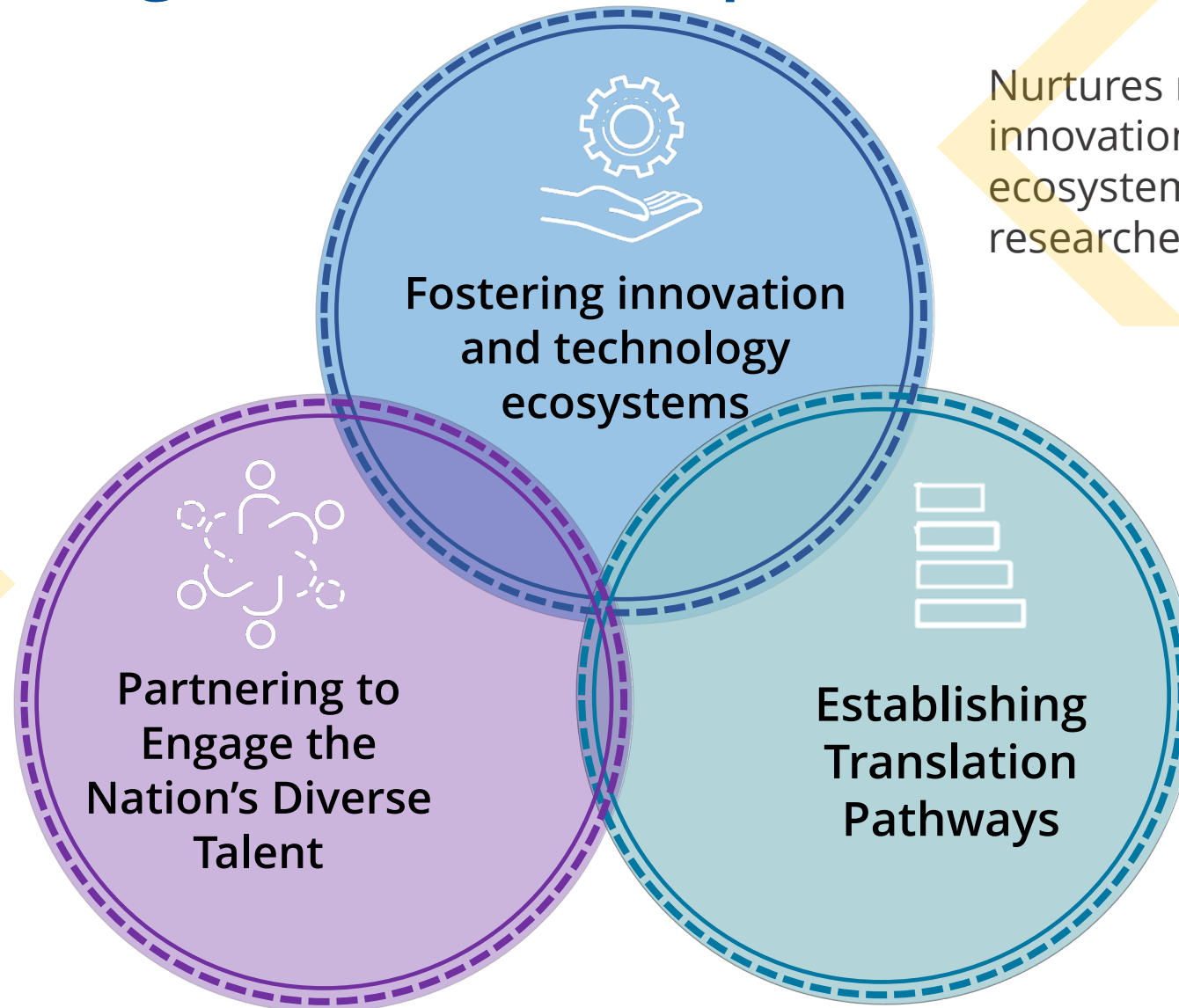
Activate

- Supports researchers from a variety of backgrounds and geographies to move technologies from lab to society.
- Run by a non-profit, Activate.org, provides Activate Fellows supported by NSF with two-years of training and at least \$350,000 in direct support, plus access to specialized research facilities and equipment.

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Ramping up TIP

