



NSF FY24 Solicitation Updates

The NSF released their 2024/2025 Phase I and II SBIR/STTR solicitations on June 17. There are some considerable changes from the 2023 and 2024 solicitations for Phase I and II.

Full Proposal Deadline(s)

Both Phase I and II are below (due by 5 p.m. submitting organization's local time):

- September 18, 2024
- November 06, 2024
- March 05, 2025
- July 02, 2025
- November 05, 2025

The NSF has made multiple changes from the 2023 solicitation, including the following:

Phase I SBIR/STTR solicitation:

1. Changes to the Project Description instructions. The new Project Description has different sections and new instructions.
2. Letters of Support in Phase I are NO LONGER ALLOWED!
3. The deadlines for Project Pitch invitations have changed. For newly approved Pitches, the official invitation will now be valid for the next two submission deadlines. New submission timing guidance based on your Project Pitch invitation can be found [here](#).
4. Increased budget limit: \$305,000 for Phase I for a 6-18 month project period
5. TABA funds of \$6,500 are now allowed for Phase I budgets, but they must be within the \$305,000 budget cap.
6. In place of the Beat the Odds Boot Camp, NSF is now allowing Phase I applicants to include \$25,000 in their budget for I-Corps (also inclusive within the budget cap).
7. A new component is required: Synergistic Activities. Read the instructions for this - they are slightly different from the Synergistic Activities section in the Biosketch.

Phase II SBIR/STTR solicitation:

1. Changes to the Project Description instructions. The new Phase II Project Description has different sections and new instructions.
2. Increased budget limit: \$1,250,000 for up to a 24 month project period.
3. Small businesses are still eligible to submit a Phase II proposal between 6 and 24 months after the start date of their NSF SBIR/STTR Phase I award. However, for those whose Phase II deadline occurred when there was no open solicitation this year, submission timing guidance based on your Phase I start date can be found [here](#).
4. Letters of Support in Phase II are now REQUIRED. You must submit a minimum of three (3) Letters of Support, but you can submit a maximum of five (5).
5. A new component is required: Synergistic Activities. Read the instructions for this - they are slightly different from the Synergistic Activities section in the Biosketches.

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