

The National Science Foundation & Social & Behavioral Science

The **National Science Foundation** (NSF) funds 24% of all federally-supported basic research at U.S. colleges and universities. The **Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences** (SBE) Directorate within NSF funds 55% of the university-based social and behavioral sciences research in the nation. Yet, SBE accounts for less than 4% of the entire NSF budget.

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SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

includes, but is not limited to the fields of: sociology, anthropology, political science, psychology, economics, statistics, language and linguistics, demography, law, communications, educational research, criminology and criminal justice research, geography, and history.

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

studies social contexts across various time and spatial scales, including economic, cultural, demographic, and political contexts.

BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH

seeks to better understand learning, cognition, emotion, temperament, motivation, and biobehavioral interactions.

NSF & SBE discoveries improve people's lives by:

- Helping us thwart cybercrime and protect Americans' privacy and security.
- Improving public health.
- Improving the safety of our troops in combat areas.
- Helping us understand how to respond to disasters.
- Enhancing teaching and learning in education.
- Reducing violence among our youth.
- Improving the effectiveness of the criminal justice system.
- Helping paralyzed individuals to communicate.



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