



## NSF SBIR/STTR solicitations 26-510 and 26-511

The solicitation now has several links that provide the detailed instructions for preparing Full Proposals for Phase I, Phase II and Fast-Track proposals. The link for these specific instructions is here:

<https://seedfund.nsf.gov/solicitation-proposal/>

### Key Elements

#### \*\*\* Project Pitch \*\*\*

To submit a Full Proposal NSF STILL REQUIRES an approved Project Pitch.

New Project Pitches started being accepted on June 2, 2026.

#### New limitations for Project Pitches:

- A company can only submit 2 Project Pitches in any 12 month period.
- A company can only submit a Project Pitch for a specific technology 3 times.

#### \*\*\* FUNDING amounts \*\*\*

- Phase I amount: \$305,000
- Phase II amount: \$1,250,000
- Fast-Track amount: \$1,555,000
- Phase IIB: Up to \$500,000 requiring a 3rd party match
- TECP: Up to 20% of Phase II award
- Strategic Breakthrough: Can request up to \$30M AFTER conferring with NSF Program Director and requires 1:1 match (THIS IS NEW)
- New Pilot Emphasis on Scientific Instrumentation. NSF 26-511 is focused on enabling technologies that include next-generation instrumentation, novel experimental platforms, and other scientific equipment.

#### \*\*\* Due Dates \*\*\*

2026/2027 Submission Window

- July 27, 2026
- Nov. 4, 2026
- March 4, 2027
- July 7, 2027

#### \*\*\*What is still being clarified\*\*\*\*\*

- The submission portal Research.gov is being updated to accommodate the new solicitation requirements. The estimated date that Research.gov will be able to start accepting Full Proposals is the week of June 8, 2026.