



# Taking the Pentagon to the People Howard University

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# AF Research Laboratory Locations



# Air Force Office of Scientific Research



# Mission

Discover, shape, and champion BASIC RESEARCH that profoundly impacts the future Air and Space Forces

Annual Budget (~\$500M)

Customer (~\$150M)

Core (~\$350M)









# Basic Research Funding Process

## **FIND**

36 Program Officers (POs), 18 International Program Officers (IPOs) and 7 Program Coordinators (PCs) reaching scientists & engineers globally

## **FORM**

Shape emerging science into high-performing teams and portfolios that address long-term basic science barriers to future AF capabilities

# **FUND**

**1215** extramural research projects at **209** US universities in **46** states

**325** intramural research projects at AFRL Technical Directorates & Air Force Institute of Technology

348 international efforts in43 countries on 5 continents

# **FORWARD**

Transition through
AFRL Technology
Directorates (TDs),
Small Business
Innovation Research &
Small Business
Technology Transfer
(SBIR/STTR)





## Basic Research Investments Across DoD













# Pre-doctoral Fellowships

- NDSEG
- Minerva Training Grants

## Research Funding to University Laboratories

- VBFF
- Minerva projects
- MURI
- Single-Investigator Awards
- Young Investigator Program

# Expanding the Research Base

- DEPSCoR
- HBCU/MI

# Equipment and Facility Funding

• DURIP

# Transition to DoD

- Minerva transition to Professional Military Schools
- LUCI
- UARCS

## Technology Transfer

• I-Corps

**Service Programs green** 

**OSD Programs purple** 

**Cross- Service Programs orange** 





## **Basic Research Portfolios**

Engineering	and Comi	olex Sv	/stems

Dynamic Materials and Interactions

**GHz-THz Electronics and Materials** 

Energy, Combustion, and Non-Equilibrium Thermodynamics

Unsteady Aerodynamics and Turbulent Flows

**High-Speed Aerodynamics** 

Low Density Materials

Multiscale Structural Mechanics and Prognosis

Space Propulsion and Power

Agile Science of Test and Evaluation (T&E)

## **Information and Networks**

Computational Cognition and Machine Intelligence

**Computational Mathematics** 

**Dynamics and Control** 

Dynamic Data and Information Processing

Information Assurance and Cybersecurity

**Optimization and Discrete Mathematics** 

Science of Information, Computation, Learning, and Fusion

Trust and Influence

Complex Networks

Cognitive and Computational Neurosciences

## **Physical Sciences**

Materials with Extreme Properties

Atomic and Molecular Physics

Electromagnetics

Laser and Optical Physics

Optoelectronics and Photonics

Plasma and Electro-Energetic Physics

**Quantum Information Sciences** 

Remote Sensing

Space Science

Ultrashort Pulse Laser-Matter Interactions

Condensed Matter Physics

## **Chemistry and Biological Sciences**

**Biophysics** 

Human Performance and Biosystems

Mechanics of Multifunctional Materials and Microsystems

Molecular Dynamics and Theoretical Chemistry

Natural Materials and Systems

Organic Materials Chemistry

### **International Office**

Asian Office of Aerospace R&D Tokyo

European Office of Aerospace R&D London

Southern Office of Aerospace R&D Santiago

North America - Arlington

## **HBCU Focus Areas**

HBCU is under 10 USC 2362 with the objective of the program to:

enhance the research and educational capabilities of such institutions

encourage the participation of such institutions in the research, development, testing and evaluation of programs of the DoD

increase the number of graduates from such institutions

encourage research and educational collaborations

## **Eligibility**

- Open to institutions of higher education eligible for assistance under Title III and V of the Higher Education Act of 1965
- Accredited post-secondary minority institutions

## **Stakeholders**

- Every AFOSR portfolio
- AFRL
- USD(R&E) / DoD
- ARO
- ONR
- Scientific Community

# Budget 61102F FY21 FY22 FY23 FY24 FY25 \$4.5M \$4.5M \$4.5M \$4.5M \$4.5M

## FY20

- 34 winners
- 20 winners under the USD(R&E)
- Approximately \$9M

# (USDR&E) HBCU/MI Program Execution

- DoD Research and Education Program
  - Solicitation open to all HBCU/MI's, closed on 28 August 2020
  - Equipment range from \$100,000 to \$600,000
  - DoD intends to award approximately \$25M
  - Three applications per institution
  - \*Managed by the Army Research Office (ARO)
  - \*Content of the solicitation changes every year

# HBCU/MI Program Current Status

- FY20, 34 projects are being executed totaling \$4.5M (cost shared \$534,395)
  - TBD (solicitation open until August 2020 estimated to be around \$9M)
- FY19, 36 projects were awarded totaling \$4.5M (cost shared \$900,216)
  - 12 projects funded under the USDR&E program totaling \$7.8M
- FY18, 36 projects were awarded totaling \$4.5M (cost shared \$858,336)
  - 12 projects funded under the USDR&E program totaling \$6.8M
- FY17, 34 projects were awarded totaling \$4.5M (cost shared \$356,770)
  - 12 projects funded under the USDR&E program totaling \$4.9M
- FY16, 33 projects were awarded totaling \$4.5M
  - 22 projects funded under the USDR&E program totaling \$8.4M

## **SFFP Focus Areas**

The Summer Faculty Fellowship Program was established to stimulate professional relationships among SFFP fellows, student researchers and the scientists and engineers in AFRL, USAFA, AFIT and the AF T&E Centers.

## **Eligibility**

- Enhance the research interests and capabilities of faculty in the US academic community
- Encourages experienced and promising US scientists in areas that benefit the Air Force

## **Stakeholders**

- Every AFOSR portfolio
- AFRL
- USAFA
- AFIT
- AF T&E Centers
- OUSD / DoD
- Scientific Community

## **Budget**

## 61102F

FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
\$5.0M	\$5.1M	\$5.3M	\$5.4M	\$5.4M

## FY21

342 applicants

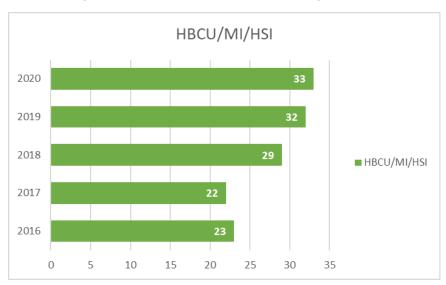
## FY20

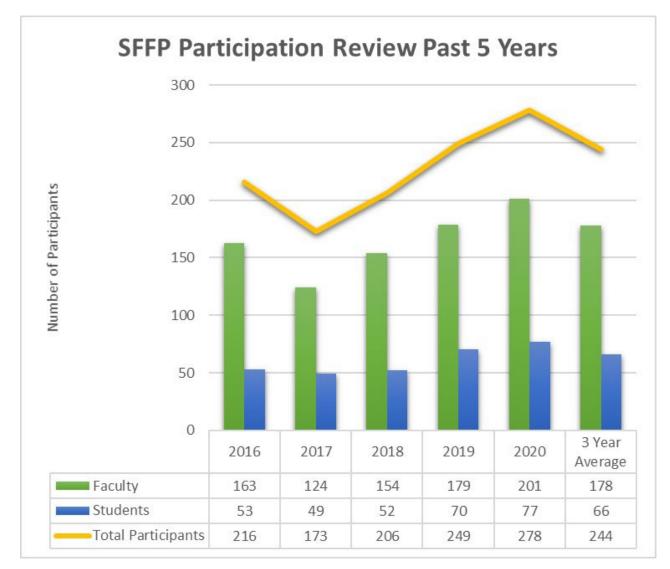
278 awards



# SFFP Participation Update Over Time

- FY2020 Applicants:
- 12% Increase from FY2019
- FY2020 Participant:
- 12% Increase from FY2019
- Faculty HBCU/MI/HSI:
- (Student Total = Additional 24)







# Stipend amounts and definitions for faculty and students

## SFFP Awardee Level Weekly Stipend

Professor \$1,957

Associate Professor \$ 1,751

Assistant Professor \$ 1,545

Master's Student \$ 1,210

Bachelor's Student \$ 911

- Professor is a tenured faculty member with 15 or more years' faculty experience.
- Associate Professor is a faculty member with five to 14 years' faculty experience.
- Assistant Professor is a faculty member with less than five years' faculty experience.
- Master's Student is a student who has completed his/her Master's degree and is enrolled in a PhD program.
- Bachelor's Student is a student who has completed their Bachelor's degree and is enrolled as a graduate student. The student has not completed their Master's degree.





# **S&T Funding Opportunities**

## TRADITIONAL GRANTS

- Extramural Grants
- International Grants
- Lab Tasks
- Historically Black Colleges and University/Minority Serving Institution Grants
- Young Investigator Grants
- Center of Excellence Grants

## ADD'L FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative Grants
- Instrumentation Grants
- Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers
- MINERVA Research Initiative
- Summer Faculty Fellowships
- Windows on Science
- Defense Enterprise Science Initiative
- Small Business Tech Transfer Grants/Contracts

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Undergraduate Research Experiences
- Graduate Fellowships
- AFRL Internships
- AFRL Science and Technology Fellowships
- Windows on World
- Lab Univ Collaboration Initiative

- Core ~ \$350M, OSD ~ \$150M, Total Budget ~ \$500M
- 65% of core mission funds extramural, 30% intramural, 5% international



# **Collaborations and Scientific Ecosystem**









HBCU/DEPSCoR/SFFP

















































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