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America's Seed Fund powered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) awards more than \$200 million annually to startups and small businesses, transforming scientific discovery into products and services with commercial and societal impact. Startups working across almost all areas of science and technology can receive up to \$1.5 million in non-dilutive funds to support research and development (R&D), helping de-risk technology for commercial success. America's Seed Fund is congressionally mandated through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. The NSF is an independent federal agency with a budget of about \$8.4 billion that supports fundamental research and education across all fields of science and engineering. For more information, visit seedfund.nsf.gov.

4 Ways For Investors to Work with the America's Seed Fund powered by NSF:

- 1. Peruse NSF-funded small businesses working in your areas of interest. (<https://seedfund.nsf.gov/portfolio/>)*
- 2. Connect early-stage companies with NSF to de-risk technology. NSF might be interested in funding technology that may be too risky for your investment. (<https://seedfund.nsf.gov/apply/>)*
- 3. Serve as a reviewer. (Email Ben Schrag at sbir@nsf.gov)*
- 4. Join our listserv. (Email INNOVATION-SUBSCRIBE-REQUEST@LISTSERV.NSF.GOV)*

NSF SBIR/STTR Program Director Nancy Kamei will be attending the 2019 Yale Innovation Summit. She would love to connect with you at the summit and can reach-out to her ahead of time to set up an appointment nkamei@nsf.gov. You are also welcome to reach out to Senior SBIR/STTR Program Director Ben Schrag with any additional questions at sbir@nsf.gov.