Congress Boosts Funding for Science

The scientific enterprise has friends in high places. In one of the tightest fiscal years in recent memory, federal legislators have boosted overall funding for scientific research and development by a healthy 10% for 1992.


Some of the key conclusions of the new report:

- Compared to other R&D sponsors, the Department of Energy saw the biggest jump in its R&D budget—14.1%, with a hefty chunk slated for the superconducting Super Collider.
- NASA's overall budget rose merely 3.3% from 1991, and other agency projects were raided to support the proposed space station.
- Funding for the National Science Foundation's R&D rose 11.2%.
- The Defense Department received almost $1.5 billion more than Bush requested—enough for an 11% jump in development spending (largely for a refocused Strategic Defense Initiative) and an 8.3% rise in research.

The report also includes an overview of the forces shaping this future R&D budgets, including a growing desire within Congress to break through the spending walls erected between the defense and domestic budgets by the 1990 Budget Enforcement Act.

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AAAS Award Winners

The Association's annual awards to deserving scientists, engineers, public servants, and journalists will be presented on Saturday, 8 February at the AAAS annual meeting in Chicago. The prizes and winners are:

- AAAS Hilliard Roderick Prize in science, arms control and international security, to Will D. Carpenter, of Monsanto Agricultural Co., and to Robert P. Mikulak, of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.
- AAAS Mentor Award for leadership in efforts to increase the participation of women, minorities, and people with disabilities in science and engineering, to Anthony J. Andreoli, professor of biochemistry at the California State University at Los Angeles, and to Lafayette Frederick, chairman of the Department of Botany at Howard University in Washington, D.C.
- AAAS Newcomb Cleveland Prize for the year's best research article in *Science*, to Stephen P. A. Fodor, J. Leighton Read, Michael C. Pirrung, Lubert Stryer, Amy Tsai Lu, and Dennis Solas, co-authors of "Light-Directed, Spatially Addressable Parallel Chemical Synthesis."
- AAAS Philip Hauge Abelson Prize for a public servant making exceptional contributions to the advancement of science or for a distinguished scientist, to Bentley Glass, editor emeritus of *The Quarterly Review of Biology*.
- AAAS Prize for Behavioral Science Research for the author(s) of a commendable paper in the behavioral sciences, to Gerd Gigerenzer, professor of psychology at the University of Salzburg in Austria and author of, "From Tools to Theories: A Heuristic Discovery in Cognitive Psychology."
- AAAS Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award, to Inez Austin, senior engineer at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Richland, Washington.
- AAAS-Westinghouse Award for Public Understanding of Science and Technology, to Stephen H. Schneider, of the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado.
- AAAS-Westinghouse Science Journalism Awards, to the Newsday team of B. D. Colen, Robert Cooke, Earl Lane, Peter Marks, and Laura Muha (newspapers over 100,000 daily circulation); The *Scientific American*'s John Horgan (magazine); WBUR-FM's David H. Baron (radio); and William Kurtis of Kurtis Productions, Ltd., and Leslie Reinherz of the Chedd-Angier Production Company (television).
- William D. Carey Award Lecture for leaders in the articulation of public policy issues regarding the application of science and technology, to Mary Good of Allied Signal Corporation.
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