

**NSF Budget Summary for Research and Related Activities, FY 1987-1988**  
(Dollars in Millions)

	FY 1987 Current Plan	FY 1988 Request	% Change FY 87/86
Mathematical and Physical Sciences	\$ 464	\$ 514	11%
Engineering	163	205	26%
Biological, Behavioral, and Social Sciences	257	297	16%
Geosciences	285	330	16%
Computer and Information Science and Engineering	117	143	23%
Scientific, Technological, and International Affairs	44	51	17%
Program Development and Management	77	95	24%
Research and Related Activities	\$1,406	\$1,635	16%

Amounts have been rounded.

John Zaller. Analysis of Information Items in the 1985 NES Pilot Study. June, 1986.

Staff memoranda:

John Brehm and Santa Traugott. Similarity and Representativeness of 1985 Pilot Half-samples. March 17, 1986.

Santa Traugott. Staff Evaluation of the Data Collection and Documentation. May 19, 1986. □

### **National Science Foundation Increases FY88 Budget Request**

Erich Bloch, Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), has announced that the NSF budget request for FY 1988 is \$1.89 billion, almost 17% above the FY 1987 appropriation.

Bloch said, "This increase is part of a national effort to bolster our economic competitiveness internationally and preserve our lead in science and technology."

"In addition," he said, "the Administration is committed to doubling the Foundation's budget over the next five years. This amounts to increases of 14 percent per year for the next four years following 1988, raising the NSF total budget to more than \$3.2 billion in FY 1992."

Budget increases for 1988 are widely distributed among the directorates and major activities of NSF. The largest increases go to the Engineering Directorate

and to the new Computer and Information Science and Engineering Directorate, both of great importance in helping the U.S. regain its economic competitiveness. Budget figures by directorate are listed on the chart.

"The 1988 budget is a watershed event for NSF." Bloch concluded, "In time of severe budget constraints it signals clearly the broader understanding of the importance of strong education and research programs to improvements in national productivity and our ability to compete in world markets." □

## **Announcements**

### **Symposia Published**

The following journals offer symposia of interest to political scientists:

*Publius: The Journal of Federalism*

"Assessing the U.S. Voting Rights Act" (16:4) guest edited by Charles L. Cotrell. Articles include general assessments of the VRA as well as assessments for selected states and localities.

"Developments in State Constitutional Law" (17:1) guest edited by Mary Cornelia Porter and G. Alan Tarr. Articles cover general developments in state constitutions and state constitutional law,