The National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)

NSF EPSCoR Works in Kentucky

Kentucky’s percentage of competitively-awarded NSF research funding has **doubled** in the last 10 years – an increase of **$13.4 million per year**.

With EPSCoR funding, Kentucky has made investments in its research infrastructure – a major economic driver that results in **new technologies**, **intellectual property**, and **higher-paying jobs** in scientific industries.

EPSCoR-supported Kentucky faculty and students have received **$18.4 million** in competitively-won NSF awards in the last four years – a **115% ROI** on the NSF EPSCoR investment over this same time period ($16M).

Since 2015, KY NSF EPSCoR has:

- Hired 15 new research faculty at five different Kentucky universities,
- Assisted researchers in developing 35 new patents – ten licensed by industry,
- Supported 500 Kentucky students working toward a college degree in the sciences,
- Engaged 17,000 citizen scientists of all ages on the program’s scientific research.