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**Top 10 fields of application for NSF awards: 1959–2020**

(Number)

Field of application	Number
Other applications nec	118,753
Life science biological	22,941
Industrial technology	20,551
Materials research	17,644
Oceanography	14,425
Mathematics	13,676
Other sciences nec	13,157
Geological sciences	12,460
Human subjects	12,237
Chemistry	11,623

nec = not elsewhere classified; NSF = National Science Foundation.

**Source(s):**

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, processed NSF Awards Database (<https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/download.jsp>), accessed 15 May 2020.