

TABLE A-6

**Top 10 program element codes for NSF awards: 1959–2020**

(Number)

Program element code	Number
Molecular Biophysics	5,890
Undergrad Instrument & Lab Improve	5,543
EPSCoR Co-Funding	5,238
Major Research Instrumentation	5,014
Algebra, Number Theory, and Com	4,893
Applied Mathematics	4,757
Economics	4,609
Cross-Directorate Programs	4,109
Geophysics	4,087
S-STEM-Schlr Sci Tech Eng & Math	4,047

EPSCoR = Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research; NSF = National Science Foundation; STEM = science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

**Source(s):**

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