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FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AT UNIVERSITIES DOWN 6 PERCENT

Latest figures show obligations down for R&D and facilities that support science and engineering



Of the six federal agencies that provide science and engineering funds, only one showed an increase.

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Federal agencies obligated \$29 billion to 995 science and engineering academic institutions in fiscal year 2013, according to a new **report** from the National Science Foundation's (NSF) National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES). The figure represents a 6 percent decline in current dollars from the previous year, when agencies provided \$31 billion to 1,073 institutions.

After adjustment for inflation, federal science and engineering obligations to academic institutions dropped by \$1 billion from FY 2011 to FY 2012, and by \$2 billion between FY 2012 and FY 2013. The obligations fall into six categories:

- Research and development;
- R&D plant (facilities and fixed equipment, such as reactors, wind tunnels and particle accelerators);
- Facilities and equipment for instruction in science and engineering;
- Fellowships, traineeships and training grants;
- General support for science and engineering;
- Other science and engineering activities.

Of those categories, research and development accounted for 89 percent of total federal obligations

