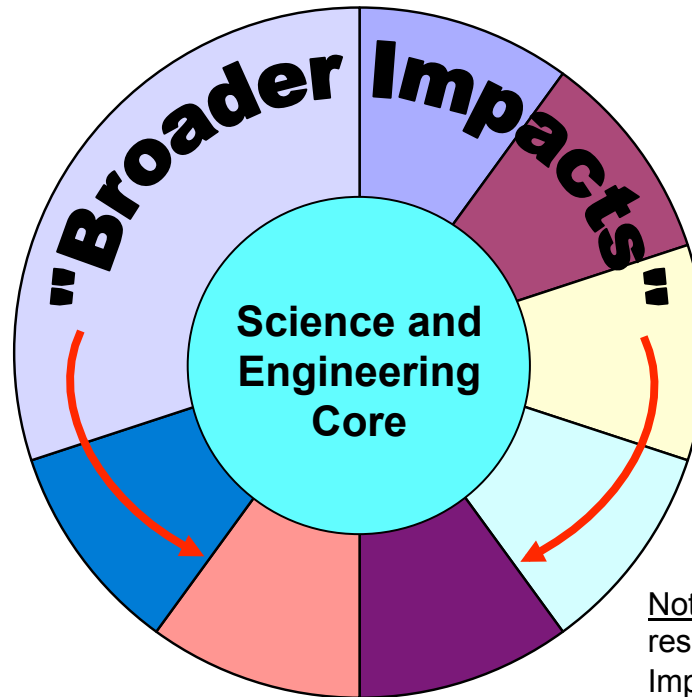


The “New” NSF EPSCoR

RII – Research Infrastructure Improvement Grant Program

- EPSCoR is now in the NSF Director’s Office (Office of Integrated Activities)
- New NSF Director – Dr. Henry Blount
- RII is for five years – up to \$15M
- NSF Strategic Initiatives are now included specifically in RII RFP and tied to the American Competitiveness Initiative and America COMPETES Act
- RII award approval by Director’s Office and National Science Board



“Broader Impact” Areas

- Diversity
- Cyberinfrastructure
- Outreach/Communications
- Evaluation and Assessment
- Management Succession
- Education
- Sustainability/Partnerships
- Administration/Pgm Mgt

Note: % distribution of funding and resources for each of the Broader Impact areas will be reviewed by NSF responsible program officials for adequacy as part of an integrated proposal from the Jurisdiction

Broader Impact Criterion

- How well does the activity advance discovery and understanding while promoting teaching, training, and learning?
- How well does the proposed activity broaden the participation of underrepresented groups (e.g. gender, ethnicity, disability, geographic, etc.)?
- To what extent will it enhance the infrastructure for research and education, such as facilities, instrumentation, networks and partnerships?
- Will the results be disseminated broadly to enhance scientific and technological understanding?
- What may be the benefits of the proposed activity to society?

