



**AMERICA'S  
SEED FUND**  
SBIR • STTR



Fund your tech startup.  
Keep your equity and IP.

# Change the world.

Through the **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)** and **Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)** programs, America's Seed Fund awards **non-dilutive funding to develop your technology and chart a path toward commercialization.** Non-dilutive funding means you keep 100% equity and ownership in your business. The federal government invests in your solution and gives you freedom to run your business according to your vision.

## How it works.

Entrepreneurs apply and are funded through a three-phased process:



### Proof-of-Concept

6-12 months  
\$50,000 - \$275,000



### Technology Development

24 months  
\$750,000 - \$1.8 million



### Commercialization

Unlock sole source access to the \$665 billion federal contracting marketplace

## About the SBIR & STTR programs.

Both SBIR and STTR support scientific excellence and technology innovation to build a strong national economy. So, how do they differ?

- SBIR encourages entrepreneurs to partner, while STTR requires entrepreneurs to partner with a non-profit research institution.
- 11 agencies fund SBIR awards, while only the 5 largest of those agencies also fund STTR awards.
- Learn more about SBIR and STTR and determine which program is best for you at [SBA.gov/SeedFund](https://www.sba.gov/seedfund).

## Funding areas.

Explore the funding opportunities that are the right fit for your business. The SBIR and STTR programs offer opportunities for funding multiple times throughout the year across multiple topics, such as:

- AgTech
- Artificial Intelligence
- Biotechnology
- Clean Energy
- Climate Sciences
- Cybersecurity
- Microelectronics
- National Security
- Pandemic Readiness & Prevention
- Quantum Information Science
- Robotics
- Sensors
- Space Exploration & Technology

## More diversity means more innovation.

America's Seed Fund provides equitable access to funding based on the quality of your technological solution and its ability to advance federal missions—regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender, orientation, geography, or other affiliation.

**Whether you're a new entrepreneur or existing small business, if you have a new technology, we want to hear from you.**

## Are you eligible?

Funding through America's Seed Fund is available to small businesses that are:



For-profit entities located in the U.S.



Fewer than 500 employees (most are fewer than 10)



Owned and controlled by U.S. citizens or permanent residents



Startups or established companies

## Participating federal agencies.

Explore opportunities to identify the right option for you.

### Market-driven

Agencies that invest in technologies to solve problems through the commercial marketplace:

- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including NIH, FDA, CDC
- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Department of Commerce, including NIST and NOAA
- Department of Education (ED)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

### Mission-driven

Agencies that invest in technologies to solve government defined problems with dual-use, commercial potential:

- Department of Defense (DoD), including Air Force, Navy, Army
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- Department of Transportation (DOT)

## Notable awardees.

America's Seed Fund played a catalytic role in many American innovation giants including:

- Qualcomm
- iRobot
- illumina
- 23andMe

# 4,000

Average number of companies funded per year

# \$4 billion

Total funds invested in FY20

# 0%

Equity or IP ownership taken by the government



# Looking to change the world? We're looking for you.

Visit [SBA.gov/SeedFund](https://www.sba.gov/SeedFund) to learn more about America's Seed Fund and find local assistance from our network of more than 500 partner organizations across the nation.