"...an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future"

Martin Luther King
Engineering Community's Blueprint for Action

The 1970s-1980s
NSF Merit Review Criteria

Criterion 1: What is the intellectual merit of the proposed activity?
- advances knowledge
- well qualified proposer
- creative and original concepts
- well conceived and organized
- access to resources

Criterion 2: What are the broader impacts of the proposed activity?
- advance discovery…while promoting teaching, training, and learning
- broaden participation of underrepresented groups (gender, ethnicity, disability, geographic, etc.)
- enhance infrastructure for research and education
- broad dissemination
- societal benefits
Broadening opportunities and enabling the participation of all citizens -- women and men, underrepresented minorities, and persons with disabilities -- are essential to the health and vitality of science and engineering. NSF is committed to this principle of diversity and deems it central to the programs, projects, and activities it considers and supports.
Broadening Participation

What it is *not* about --
What it *is* about.