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## **APSA Statement in Support of the National Science Foundation Equity Action Plan**

The American Political Science Association supports the National Science Foundation's (NSF) [Equity Action Plan](#). The plan is an essential first step to better understanding and removing barriers to participation in science and the agency's funding initiatives. The plan, developed in response to President Biden's [Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government](#), will advance the agency's work to address harassment in science and improve demographic data collection to evaluate the impact and equity of the agency's investments.

The National Science Foundation's investment in basic research for all sciences, support of scholars throughout career lifespans, and commitment to broadening participation in science makes it an essential resource and voice shaping the future of the STEM fields, including social and behavioral sciences such as political science. As the NSF notes in its plan, "[t]he importance of having high quality demographic data on actual and potential participants in NSF programs cannot be overstated, as these data are crucial for NSF to assess equity in participation over time and adapt its programming as the context of implementation changes to promote equity." We share the foundation's belief in the importance of data collection and analysis in measuring successes and opportunities for improvement in the quest for a more equitable and inclusive scientific research community.

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