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Description

STIS is an electronic dissemination system that provides fast, easy access to National Science Foundation (NSF) publications. There is no cost to you except for possible long-distance phone charges. The service is available twenty-four hours a day, except for maintenance periods.

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- Program announcements and "Dear Colleague" letters
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- NSF organization charts and phone books
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The goal is for all NSF printed publications to be available electronically.

Network Access

There are four ways to access STIS. Choose the method that meets your needs and the communication facilities you have available.

Electronic documents via electronic mail. If you can send electronic mail to Internet or BITNET addresses, you can send a specially formatted message and the document you request will be automatically returned to you via electronic mail.

Anonymous FTP. Internet users who are familiar with this file-transfer method can quickly and easily transfer STIS documents to their local system for browsing and printing.

Online STIS. If you have a VT100 emulator and an Internet connection or a modem, you can log on to the online system. The online system features full-text search-and-retrieval software

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to help you locate documents and award abstracts that are of interest to you. Once you locate a document, you can browse through it online or download it using the Kermit protocol, or request that it be mailed to you.

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Request: stis
Topic: nsf9110

Who Can Use the System

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