

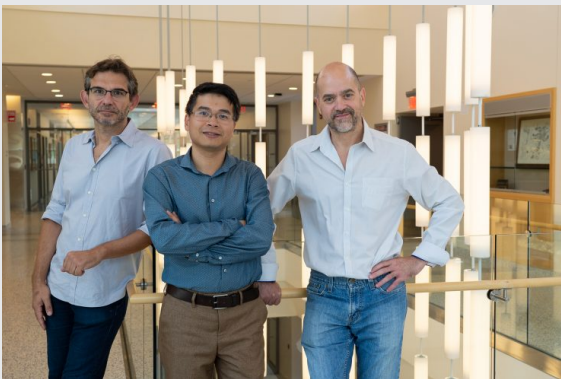
# NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

**STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY** urges Congress to provide at least \$9 billion for the National Science Foundation in FY21.

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## Highlights from SBU'S NSF Funded Research:

- Build the foundation for a future smart environment—developing technology to control and interact with all of the objects around us
- Developing technologies that provide deeper insights as to how malware distribution systems are deployed, operated and interlinked with open web sources in order to defeat cybercriminals
- Developing the next-generation visual and decision support tools harnessing Big Data



(L-R): Dimitris Samaras, Minh Hoai Nguyen and Gregory Zelinsky

*Using a method called inverse reinforcement learning to model human behavior and predict visual attention — NSF funded Stony Brook researchers Dimitris Samaras, Minh Hoai Nguyen and Gregory Zelinsky explore patterns in human eye movement so that a computational system can hopefully anticipate responses to certain stimuli. The result would allow a machine to anticipate your next move!*

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