Grant Title: NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (GRFP)

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Area of Research: Supports outstanding graduate students who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees in fields within NSF's mission.


Amount: For each year of support, NSF provides a stipend of $30,000 to the Fellow and a cost-of-education allowance of $12,000 to the degree-granting institution.

Length of Support: Each Fellowship consists of three years of support usable over a five-year period.

Eligible Applicants: Applicants must be United States citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States by the application deadline. Individuals are typically eligible to apply: During the senior year of college; after graduating from college and prior to entering graduate school; during the first year of graduate school; prior to completing the Fall term of the second year of graduate school. Fellowships are awarded for graduate study leading to research-based master's and doctoral degrees in the fields supported by the National Science Foundation.

Summary: The Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) awards Fellowships for graduate study leading to research-based master's and doctoral degrees in the fields of science and engineering. GRFP are awarded to individuals in the early stages of their graduate study. All applicants are expected to have adequate preparation to begin graduate-level study and research. This is nearly always demonstrated by a bachelor's degree in a science and engineering field. In addition, Fellowship awardees must be enrolled in an accredited US university, college, or non-profit academic institution offering graduate degrees in eligible science and engineering fields. Confirmation of acceptance in an NSF-approved graduate degree program is required at the time of Fellowship acceptance. Fellows must certify that they meet all of the eligibility requirements. Applicants may pursue research-based graduate study at an accredited institution located in the US which grants a graduate degree in an NSF-supported field. NSF encourages graduate students to establish collaborative relationships with international researchers and institutions. US graduate students should have the opportunity to take advantage of expertise, facilities, data, and field sites located abroad; to develop an international network of collaborators early in their career; to address problems of a global nature that require international cooperation; and to be prepared to operate successfully in international teams as they join the US science and engineering workforce. GRFP supports individuals proposing a comprehensive holistic plan for graduate education that takes into account individual interests and competencies. An applicant must provide a detailed profile of her or his relevant educational and research experiences and plans for graduate education to demonstrate potential for significant achievements in science and engineering.