

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

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The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) is one of the most prestigious science and engineering fellowship programs in the United States. Awardees are provided three years of graduate school support. Fellows receive a \$30,000 annual stipend, a \$10,500 annual cost of education allowance, a one-time \$1,000 international travel allowance, and access to TeraGrid supercomputing facilities.

The program ensures the quality, diversity and vitality of the next generation of U.S. scientists and researchers. The GRFP is intended for students in the early stages of their graduate career who are seeking research-based master's or PhD degrees in NSF-supported disciplines. Applicants should have completed no more than 12 months of graduate study and must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents prior to the application deadline date. Women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply for the GRFP.

The application period will open in August online at www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/ and will close in early November. For more information concerning benefits, eligibility, and tips on applying, applicants are encouraged to visit www.nsfgrfp.org and www.nsf.gov/grfp/.

Faculty with significant research experience and interaction with graduate students are encouraged to register as panel reviewers for the NSF GRFP at <http://panelists.asee.org>. If selected, panelists will be invited for a three-day review session that takes place in the Washington, DC, area in early February.

Since 1952, NSF has funded more than 43,000 Graduate Research Fellows. President Obama has promised to triple the number of awards in this program, from about 1,000 per year to 3,000 per year by 2012.

The NSF-GRFP Operations Center (info@nsfgrfp.org or 1-866-NSF-GRFP) is administered by the American Society for Engineering Education (<http://www.asee.org/fellowships>).