Program Cycle

Online application module opens in August and closes in late October/November. Competition results are announced the following March/April.

Questions?

Please visit the following websites for additional information:
For official program information: www.nsf.gov/grfp
For application assistance: www.nsfgrfp.org
For application submission: http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/

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Have any other questions or need more information?
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For U.S. individuals intending to pursue research-based graduate studies in the sciences and engineering

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The Fellowship

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Why Apply?

NSF Graduate Research Fellowships are awarded to individuals in the early stages of their graduate study. Fellows are free to use their Fellowship at any university, college, or non-profit academic institution of higher education accredited in, and having a campus located in, the United States that grants a graduate degree in an NSF-supported field.

Eligibility Requirements

- United States citizen, national, or permanent resident
- Must intend to pursue a research-based Master’s or Ph.D. program in an NSF-supported field
- Must have completed no more than 12 months of full-time graduate study or its equivalent by August 1
- Confirmation of acceptance in a graduate degree program in a science or engineering field supported by NSF is required at the time of Fellowship acceptance
- See current Program Solicitation for full guidelines

Fellowship Benefits

- Three-year award over five year period
- Annual stipend of $32,000
- Cost of Education allowance of $12,000 to the institution
- International research and professional development opportunities
- XSEDE supercomputer access for Fellows and honorable mentions
- No service requirement

Supported Fields of Study

- Chemistry
- Computer and Information Science and Engineering
- Engineering
- Geosciences
- Life Sciences
- Materials Research
- Mathematical Sciences
- Physics and Astronomy
- Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education & Learning Research

About the Program

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- Since 1952, NSF has funded over 47,000 Graduate Research Fellowships
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