The NSF GRFP ensures the vitality of the human resource base of science and engineering by supporting science on the cutting edge.

"NSF support of my graduate studies was particularly important, since it allowed me more freedom to explore different aspects of biophysics and biology."

— Allan J. Tobin, Eleanor Leslie Chair in Neuroscience, Emeritus, University of California, Los Angeles

"My Graduate Research Fellowship allowed me to pursue a Ph.D. degree. I was very proud when, in 1987, our youngest daughter, Stephanie Singer, was awarded a Graduate Research Fellowship to pursue her Ph.D. in mathematics."

— Maxine Frank Singer, President Emeritus, Carnegie Institution for Science

GRFP REFLECTS THE EVOLUTION OF DISCIPLINES OVER TIME

The NSF GRFP identifies women who are emerging leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
The Graduate Research Fellowship Program recognizes and supports individuals of high potential early in their careers—the most promising leaders of tomorrow.

The fellowship made a huge difference [for me]. I don’t think I could have considered doing a Master’s degree without it.

– Margaret Hiza Redsteer, Research Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey

Between 2001 and 2012, active Graduate Fellows reported 1,232 patents and inventions.

[The GRFP] gave me the freedom and flexibility to choose the school, the professors, and the areas of specialization within economics that I was destined to work in.

– Ben Bernanke, Chairman, U.S. Federal Reserve

The GRFP ensures diversity by identifying racial and ethnic minorities who are emerging leaders in science, engineering, and mathematics.

Underrepresented Minority Awardees

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Doubled fellowship awards to 1,000 per year.

Consolidated Minority Graduate Fellowships with the GRFP.

Supercomputer access granted to fellows.

The 60th Anniversary Video Competition captured the excitement of current Graduate Fellows, through videos that showcased how their research shapes the future—for Fellows, for science, and for the world!

Doubled fellowship awards to 2,000 per year.

Family Leave policy expanded.

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