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GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) is the nation’s flagship program directly supporting graduate students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The GRFP provides fellowships for graduate study that leads to a research-based master’s or doctoral degree in STEM or STEM education, selecting individuals early in their graduate careers based on their demonstrated potential for significant achievements in science and engineering.

FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

NSF Graduate Research Fellows are free to use their Fellowship at any university, college, or non-profit institution of higher education accredited in, and having a campus located in, the United States, its territories, or possessions, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that grants a graduate degree in STEM fields. Three years of financial support are provided during a five-year fellowship period.

Benefits Include:
- Annual stipend of $34,000
- Cost-of-Education allowance of $12,000 to the institution
- Professional development opportunities (internships)
- No post-graduate study service requirement
- Access to supplemental funding to sustain research while on medical deferral (e.g. family leave)
- Facilitation Awards for Scientists and Engineers with Disabilities (FASED)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be United States citizens, nationals, or permanent residents near the beginning of their graduate studies. GRFP-supported fields of study include:

- Chemistry
- Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering
- Engineering
- Geosciences
- Life Sciences
- Materials Research
- Mathematical Sciences
- Physics and Astronomy
- Psychology
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PROGRAM CYCLE

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April . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Competition results announced

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