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1. Introduction

1.1 Document Overview

The purpose of this document is to demonstrate how GRFP applicants submit a fellowship application for the 2021 GRFP Fellowship Competition.

2. Proposal Process Screenshots

2.1 Graduate Research Fellowship Program Home Page

Applicant selects 'Register Here'.
2.2 Rules of Behavior

Applicant checks box and selects ‘Accept’.
2.3 Application Guidelines

Applicant selects ‘Register’.

BEFORE YOU START:

Check the brief guidelines below. See Solicitation for official requirements. Applications not meeting official requirements in the GRFP Solicitation will be RETURNED WITHOUT REVIEW.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicant: All rules apply

Eligible Institution: Full-time enrollment beginning Fall 2021 at accredited US academic institution in the US, its territories, possessions, and Puerto Rico. NO FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS.

Eligible Field of Study: Check Approved Fields of Study (see Solicitation Appendix). Ineligible fields of study include bioscience, biomedical, health, counseling, and others.

Eligible Degree Program: Research-based STEM Master’s and Doctoral degrees. No professional or joint professional degrees (e.g., MD, MPH, MBA, JD, DDS, DVM, MB/MD, JD/MD)

Academic Level: Only one level can apply

Level 1: Undergrad/Bachelor’s

Current Senior, or completed Bachelor’s degree; never enrolled in graduate degree program, ready to enroll full-time by Fall 2021.

Level 2: 1st year grad student

Current first year graduate student in eligible Field of Study at US academic institution. Currently enrolled in joint bachelor’s/master’s degree. Must have completed three academic years in program.

Level 3: 2nd year grad student

No more than one academic year of graduate study in eligible Field of Study at US academic institution; joint bachelor’s/master’s degree holder who progressed to a doctoral program the semester following award of joint degree (summer break acceptable), who have not applied previously as graduate student, may apply as first-year doctoral students only.

Level 4: Returning grad student

Not enrolled in graduate school. Two years past Master’s degree. No terminal (doctoral) degree holders.

APPLICATION PREPARATION:

Format compliance: All rules apply

Font: Times New Roman for all text, 12-point size. For equations, and Symbol font for non-alphabetic characters. It is recommended that equations and symbols be lowered as an image, no smaller than 1.6 pt, except text that is part of an image.

Spacing: No less than single spacing (approximately 6 lines per inch)

Margins: 1” margins on all sides, no text inside 1” margins (no header, footer, or page number)

Template: See Proposal Statement Template, Graduate Research Plan Template

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT: Application: All steps apply

Personal Profile: Fill in all required fields.

Personal Statement: 3 pages (PDF, see Proposal Statement template)

Graduate Research Plan: 2 pages, including references (PDF, see Graduate Research Plan template)

Transcripts: From all degree institutions (does not include current institution). Must include at least one transcript.

Reference Letter: Three to more references whose names (two letters are required).

Deadline: NO extensions or exceptions. NO materials accepted by email.

CLICK SIGN and SUBMIT: Check for confirmation email. Check View Application Package Status to confirm receipt at NSF before 5:00 p.m. Local Time of applicant’s mailing address. You’re done!

ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT REVIEW.

Register Cancel
2.4 Register User

Applicant selects ‘Submit’. 
2.5 Welcome Applicants

Applicant selects ‘Prepare Application’.
2.6 Application E-Signature

Applicant checks box and selects ‘Continue to Application’.
2.7  Prepare Application / Instructions
Applicant selects ‘Continue’.

2.8  Prepare Application / Personal Information
Applicant selects ‘Save and Continue’.
Applicant selects ‘Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID)’ hyperlink on the above page.
Distinguish yourself in three easy steps

ORCID provides a persistent digital identifier (an ORCID iD) that you own and control, and that distinguishes you from every other researcher. You can use your ORCID iD with your professional information—affiliations, grants, publications, peer review, and more. You can use your ORCID iD to share your information with other systems, ensuring you get recognition for all your contributions, saving you time and hassle, and reducing the risk of errors.

1 REGISTER
Get your unique ORCID iD; it’s free and only takes a minute, so register now!

2 USE YOUR ORCID iD
Use your iD when prompted, in systems and platforms from grant application to manuscript submission and beyond, to ensure you get credit for your contributions.

3 SHARE YOUR ORCID iD
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2.9 Prepare Application / Education and Work Experience

Applicant selects ‘Save and Continue’.
Applicant selects ‘Privacy Act Notice’ hyperlink on this page.
The information requested on the application materials is solicited under the authority of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended. It will be used in connection with the selection of qualified applicants and may be disclosed to qualified reviewers and staff assistants as part of the review process; to the institution the nominee, applicant or fellow is attending or is planning to attend or is employed by for the purpose of facilitating review or award decisions; or administering fellowships or awards; to government contractors, experts, volunteers and research and educators as necessary to complete assigned work; to other government agencies needing data regarding applicants or nominees as part of the review process, or in order to coordinate programs; and to another federal agency, court or party in a court or Federal administrative proceeding if the government is a party. Information from this system may be merged with other computer files to carry out statistical studies the results of which do not identify individuals. Notice of the agency's decision may be given to nominees, and disclosure may be made of awardees' names, home institutions, and fields of study for public information purposes. For fellows or awardees receiving stipends directly from the government, information is transmitted to the Department of the Treasury to make payments. See System of Records, NSF-12, "Fellowships and Other Awards," 63 Federal Register 265 (January 5, 1998). Submission of the information is voluntary; however, failure to provide full and complete information may reduce the possibility of your receiving an award.

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Why this information is being requested:
The National Science Foundation is committed to broadening the participation of groups currently underrepresented in science and engineering in NSF activities. In order to accurately gauge our progress in achieving this important goal, we ask that applicants provide the requested demographic information about themselves. Submission of the requested information is voluntary and is not a precondition of award. Nonetheless, we need your cooperation, for information not submitted will seriously undermine the statistical validity, and therefore the usefulness, of information we get from others.

Collection of this information is authorized by the NSF Act of 1950, as amended., 42 U.S.C. 1861 et seq. Demographic data allows us to gauge whether our programs and other opportunities in science and technology are fairly reaching and benefiting everyone, regardless of demographic category; and to ensure that those in under-represented groups have the same knowledge of and access to programs, meetings, resources, and other research and educational opportunities as everyone else. The information will be held strictly. Information from the system may be merged with other computer files in order to carry out statistical studies. Disclosure may be made for this purpose to NSF contractors and collaborating researchers, other Government agencies, and qualified research institutions and their staffs. The results of each study are statistical in nature and do not identify individuals. The information will be added to the NSF Fellowships and Other Awards File, which covers individuals applying or nominated for and/or receiving NSF support, either individually or through an academic institution, including fellowships or awards of various types. See System of Records, NSF-12, "Fellowships and Other Awards," 63 Federal Register 265 (January 5, 1998).
Applicant selects ‘Add New’ under Education on this page. Additional fields may be displayed depending on applicant answers.
If Applicant answers ‘Yes’ to "Are you or were you enrolled in a degree-granting program at this institution?"
If Applicant answers 'Yes' to "Did you complete the degree?"

**Add Academic Institution**

Please click the Find Organization link to add or edit your academic institution. Select the main campus name rather than schools or colleges within the institution.

*Required Field

- **Name:**
- **City:**
- **State:**
- **Country:**

Provide the following details about your academic institution.

- **Start Date:** (mm/yyyy)
- **End Date:** (mm/yyyy)

*Are you or were you enrolled in a degree-granting program at this institution?*

- Yes
- No

If yes, what degree?

- **Degree:**

**Did you complete the degree?**

- Yes
- No, left without completing degree
- No, still enrolled in program

**IMPORTANT:** a transcript must be uploaded for **every degree program in which you were enrolled**, regardless of whether you completed the degree.

If Yes, enter your Graduation Data.

- **Graduation Date:** (mm/yyyy)
- **Field of Study:**

If you choose Field of Study with "other", enter that Other Field of Study in the text box below.

- **Other Field of Study:**

*Does your school use grades?*

- Yes
- No
If Applicant answers "Yes" to "Does your school use grades?"
Applicant selects ‘Upload’ hyperlink under Education on this page.

Applicant selects ‘Add New’ under Other Experience on this page.

If Applicant answers ‘No’ to "Is your Fellowship/Scholarship/Teaching/Work Experience ongoing?"
2.10 Prepare Application / Proposed Field of Study

Applicant selects ‘Save and Continue’.

PROPOSED FIELD OF STUDY

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* Required Field

Fields of Study
Please select from the dropdown menu below the Major Field of Study that most closely reflects the field of your proposed graduate program. Your selection of a Major Field of Study determines the application deadline to which you must adhere, the expertise of the reviewers who will review your application, and the degree program in which you must enroll if awarded a Fellowship. Reviewers will review applications from broad areas of related disciplines. You may select "Other" in the Major Field of Study if your chosen field is not identified, only if the field is not covered by one of the broader category of Fields of Study. "Other" should not be used to designate a field of study that is more specific than the fields listed.

Changing fields of study as Graduate Research Fellows: If awarded a fellowship, Fellows are allowed some leeway in changing their graduate study and proposed institution. It is acceptable for Fellows to shift the focus of their research while remaining in the same field. However, Fellows are expected to pursue graduate study in the general field designated on their application. Changing fields of study during the first year of the fellowship is not permitted. All changes of field must comply with the eligibility requirements in the Program Solicitation.

Applicant Deadlines
Applications Must Be Submitted by 5:00 p.m. Local Time of applicant's mailing address
October 19, 2020 (Monday): Life Sciences
October 20, 2020 (Tuesday): Computer and Information Science and Engineering
October 20, 2020 (Tuesday): Materials Research
October 20, 2020 (Tuesday): Psychology
October 20, 2020 (Tuesday): Social Sciences
October 20, 2020 (Tuesday): STEM Education and Learning
October 21, 2020 (Wednesday): Engineering
October 22, 2020 (Thursday): Chemistry
October 22, 2020 (Thursday): Geosciences
October 22, 2020 (Thursday): Mathematical Sciences
October 22, 2020 (Thursday): Physics and Astronomy

*Major Field of Study:

If you choose Major Field of Study with "other", enter that Other Field of Study in the text box below.

Other Field of Study:

Interdisciplinary Information
Data on interdisciplinary study is collected for informational purposes only. If you wish to indicate other fields in your proposed graduate study, you may select them below.

Only the above Major Field of Study will be considered when assigning your application to reviewers, so choose your Major Field of Study carefully. If awarded a Fellowship, you will be required to enroll in a degree program in the Major Field of Study you designated. Changing the Major Field of Study in the first year of the Fellowship is not allowed.

*Is your proposed graduate study interdisciplinary?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Save and Continue  Cancel
If Applicant answers ‘Yes’ to "Is your proposed graduate study interdisciplinary?"
2.11 Prepare Application / Proposed Graduate Study

Applicant selects ‘Save and Continue’.

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**Proposed Academic Institution**

*Your proposed academic institution must be an accredited institution in the US, its territories, possessions, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. NO foreign institutions are allowed.*

- Proposed Academic Institution: [Dropdown]
- Proposed Graduate Program (if known): [Input Field]

*If you cannot find your proposed academic institution from the list above, please enter the name and location below. Please note that if you have already made a selection from the list above, the system does not need you to provide this information and will not allow you to enter it.*

Nearly all U.S. institutions are listed by their full identifier names. If you cannot find your institution, click the "Contains" option in the Search Criteria function, and the City and State of your institution. Example: "Rice" in Search Criteria, "Houston" in City, and "Texas" in State, yields William Marsh Rice University. For accuracy, check with the Registrar's office.

The information you provide in this section is collected for the GRFP’s purposes but is not provided to reviewers. Applicants may discuss their proposed graduate institution in their statements if they choose. The proposed institution you list in this section is not binding and can be changed if you are selected for a Fellowship.

- Other: [Input Field]
- City: [Input Field]
- State: [Dropdown]
- Country: United States

[Save and Continue] [Cancel]
2.12 Prepare Application / References

Applicant selects ‘Continue’.

Applicant selects ‘Add New’ on this page.
Applicant adds three references.

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2.13 Prepare Application / Personal, Relevant Background and Future Goals Statement

Applicant selects ‘Continue’.
2.14 Prepare Application / Graduate Research Plan Statement

Applicant selects ‘Save and Continue’.
2.15 Prepare Application / NSF GRFP Program Information

Applicant selects ‘Save and Continue’.

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* * Required Field

### Completed Study

*Select the level that most appropriately describes your stage of study at the GRFP application deadline. All enrollment in graduate or professional degree-granting programs must be included.*

**Level 1**

- You have not previously enrolled in a graduate degree-granting program, but plan to start graduate study next fall. Includes:
  - Undergraduate in the final year of a bachelor’s degree program
  - Individual who previously earned a bachelor’s degree.

**Level 2**

- First-year graduate student currently enrolled in a graduate degree-granting program, who has never applied to GRFP before as a graduate student or returning graduate student, or a student currently enrolled in a joint bachelor’s-master’s degree program (must have completed three academic years in program).

**Level 3**

- Second year graduate student who has completed no more than one academic year of graduate study while enrolled in a graduate degree-granting program, does not have a graduate degree (see Joint Bachelor’s-Master’s description below) and has never applied to GRFP before as a graduate student or returning graduate student.

Joint Bachelor’s-Master’s degree holders who progressed to a doctoral program the semester following award of joint degree, who have not applied previously as graduate students, may apply as first-year doctoral students only.

**Level 4**

- Returning graduate student who is not currently enrolled in a degree-granting program; and may have more than one academic year in a graduate degree-granting program and/or a master’s or professional degree, followed by an interruption of at least two years just prior to the GRFP application deadline.

Note: Address the reasons for the interruption and why you should be considered to be in the early stages of your graduate education in the Personal, Relevant Background and Future Goals Statement.

### Advisor

If you are currently enrolled in graduate school (Levels 2 or 3), provide the name(s) of your current or potential graduate research advisor(s). If you do not have a current or potential graduate research advisor, provide the contact information of your graduate program director. **Entry of at least one advisor is required with a maximum of three.**

Note: Applicants who are not currently enrolled in a graduate program (Levels 1 and 4) do not need to complete this section.

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### Additional Program Information

NSF publishes the names, the becalmeesate and current institutions, and the fields of study of Fellowship recipients on the NSF GRFP site. This information will be made public upon announcement of awards and this listing cannot be changed. Honorable Mention recipients have the option of posting this information.

Do you wish your name to be published on the Honorable Mention List, posted at https://www.research.gov/grfp/? This information will be made public upon announcement of awards and this listing cannot be changed.

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Save and Continue  Cancel
**2.16 Prepare Application / Submit Application**

Applicant selects ‘Continue’.
This application has not been submitted yet. Review the following information before submission. Click on Edit link to make changes.

To view the application in PDF format, click "View PDF". A new browser window will open. To print the PDF, use your browser’s print function in the new window.

Applicants: The option to view/print the application is only available for a limited period of time after decisions are made. Applications are not carried forward for resubmission in later years. It is recommended that you print or save a copy of the Application PDF for your records.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Prefix: 
First Name: Amanda
Middle Name: 
Last Name: Applicant
Suffix: 
Previous Last Name 1: 
Previous Last Name 2: 
ORCID Identifier: 

Mailing Address

Street Address: 4321 Main Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip Code: 22312
Country: United States
E-mail: applicant@yahoo.com
Phone Number: 7035551234

Permanent Address

Same as mailing address: Y

Date of Birth

Data of Birth: 04/25/1995
State: VA
Country: 
Citizenship: US Citizen
If permanent resident, date status was granted: 

High School Location

City: Alexandria
State: VA
Country: United States

Demographic Information

Gender: Do not wish to provide
Veteran Status: Do not wish to provide
Ethnicity: Do not wish to provide
Race: Do not wish to provide
Disability: Do not wish to provide

EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE

List academic institutions attended and your enrollment details.

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<td>06/2018</td>
<td>Comp/IS/Eng - Computer Security and Privacy</td>
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List teaching and work experiences relevant to your field of study since you began undergraduate studies. Experiences do not have to be limited to the academic realm.

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List any significant academic honors, fellowships, scholarships, publications and presentations.
Significant academic honors
Publications
Presentations
Baccalaureate Institution: Stanford University
Current Institution: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Are you or have you been in a joint bachelor's/master's degree program? No
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PROPOSED FIELD OF STUDY Edit
Major Field of Study: Comp/SysEng - Robotics and Computer Vision

Is your proposed graduate study interdisciplinary? No

PROPOSED GRADUATE STUDY Edit
Proposed Academic Institution: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Proposed Graduate Program:
City: Cambridge
State: MA
Country: United States

REFERENCES Edit
List names and organizational affiliations of individuals submitting Letters of Reference (two reference letters must be received at NSF by the published deadline, October 30, 2020 (Monday) 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, for the application to be reviewed). You are strongly encouraged to provide three reference letters.

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PERSONAL, RELEVANT BACKGROUND AND FUTURE GOALS STATEMENT Edit
Please outline your educational and professional development plans and career goals. How do you envision graduate school preparing you for a career that allows you to contribute to expanding scientific understanding as well as broaden benefit society?

Describe your personal, educational and/or professional experiences that motivate your decision to pursue advanced study in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). Include specific, examples of any research and/or professional activities in which you have participated. Present a concise description of the activities, highlight the results and discuss how these activities have prepared you to seek a graduate degree. Specify your role in the activity including the extent to which you worked independently and/or as part of a team. Describe the contributions of your activity to advancing knowledge in STEM fields as well as the potential for broader societal impacts (See Solicitation, Section VII, for more information about Broader Impacts).

NSF Fellows are expected to become globally engaged knowledge experts and leaders who can contribute significantly to research, education, and innovation in science and engineering. The purpose of this essay is to demonstrate your potential to satisfy this requirement. Your ideas and examples need not be confined necessarily to the discipline that you have chosen to pursue.

If you have completed more than one academic year in a graduate degree-granting program or a graduate or professional degree, followed by an interruption of at least two consecutive years, please address the reasons for the interruption in graduate study here.

Document uploaded: Yes
To view this statement in PDF format, click "View PDF". A new browser window will open. To print the PDF, use your browser's print function in the new window.

GRADUATE RESEARCH PLAN STATEMENT Edit
Present an original research topic that you would like to pursue in graduate school. Describe the research idea, your general approach, as well as any unique resources that may be needed for accomplishing the research goal (i.e., access to national facilities or collections, collaborations, overseas work, etc.). You may choose to include important literature citations. Address the potential of the research to advance knowledge and understanding within science as well as the potential for broader impacts on society. The research discussed must be in a field listed in the Solicitation (Section X, Fields of Study).

Document uploaded: Yes

Proposed Research Title
Use key words to describe the Graduate Research Plan Statement (In 50 characters or less), in your Proposed Research Title or Key Words.

Proposed Research Title: Proposed Research Title

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<th>Key Words: Key Words</th>
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NSF GRFP PROGRAM INFORMATION Edit
Select the level that most appropriately describes your stage of study at the GRFP application deadline. All enrollment in graduate or professional degree-granting programs must be included.

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I hereby certify that I am a United States citizen or national or a permanent resident legally admitted to the United States and that the information I have provided on the Fellowship application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Please note, you will not be allowed to revise your application electronically after submission, although you will be able to view it.

When you are ready to submit your application, please press the "Continue" button below. When you press "Continue" the system will check for application completeness. You will also be asked to read and supply an electronic certification. After reading and agreeing to the information on that page, you will be able to submit your application to the NSF.

Continue

Applicant Name
2.17 Errors/Warnings – With Errors

Applicant selects ‘Cancel’.
2.18 **Errors/Warnings – No Errors**

Applicant selects ‘Continue’.
2.19 Application E-Signature

Applicant certifies and selects ‘Sign and Submit Application’.

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2.20 Confirmation

CONFIRMATION

Submit Application
Your application has been received by NSF. You will receive a confirmation e-mail verifying the date and time stamp of receipt. Once you receive the confirmation e-mail, no further action is required on your part. To monitor the status of your application, use the menu option "Check Application Package Status" on the Welcome Applicants page.

Applicant Home Page
3. **Miscellaneous Functions**

3.1 **View/Print Application**

Applicant selects ‘View/Print Application’ from Welcome Applicants Home Page.
PROPOSED GRADUATE STUDY

Proposed Academic Institution: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Proposed Graduate Program:
City: Cambridge
State: MA
Country: United States

REFERENCES

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Document Uploaded: Yes

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**EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

List academic institutions attended and your enrollment details.

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List any significant academic honors, fellowships, scholarships, publications and presentations.

Significant academic honors
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Baccalaureate Institution: Stanford University
Current Institution: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Are you or have you been in a joint bachelor's-master's degree program? No

**PROPOSED FIELD OF STUDY**

Major Field of Study: Comp/IS/Eng - Robotics and Computer Vision

Is your proposed graduate study interdisciplinary? No

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3.3 Manage References

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Reference Instructions
After adding a reference, please click the 'Send E-mail' link to notify the person of your request for a reference letter. The individual will receive an e-mail that contains instructions on how to submit a reference letter for your fellowship application. You must click the 'Send E-mail' link to send the email.

To ensure your reference writers receive the email request, monitor the receipt of your reference letters using the Check Application Package Status feature on the Application Package Optional Task List.

Two Reference Letters must be received at NSF by the reference writer deadline, October 30, 2020 (Friday) 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, for your application to be reviewed. You are strongly encouraged to provide three reference letters.

Note: If you change or update the reference writer e-mail address after you have sent the request e-mail using the "Send E-mail" link, you must send an e-mail to the reference writer via the same link. If you choose to delete a reference writer from your list after you have sent them a request to write a reference, please remember to notify the reference writer that they no longer need to write on your behalf. The system will not send this e-mail notification on its own; your action of notifying a deleted reference writer is required.

List names, organizational affiliations, and e-mail addresses of non-related individuals who will submit Letters of Reference. Reference writers must include their position and title in the reference letter. E-mail addresses should be entered exactly as provided by the reference writers, as these e-mail addresses will be used by writers to log into the GRFP Reference Letter Module.

Your application must have two reference letters received at NSF by the reference letter deadline, October 30, 2020 (Friday) 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, for your application to be reviewed. Reference writers must be academic (not industry) professionals who can attest to your performance and potential. Reference letters are not required to be received in a specific order. The reference writers will receive instructions on how to provide three reference letters. The individual letters of reference should be prioritized from 1 to 3 (1 being the highest priority) in the order they are to be included in the application. In the event of missing letters in the first three slots, the optional fourth and fifth letters will be used, in your ranked order. To complete the application, no more than three letters, in order of priority, will be reviewed with an eligible application. This is for application management purposes only and is not disclosed to reference letter writers and reviewers. The application will not allow two references to hold the same rank at any time. You may change rankings at any time prior to the reference letter deadline by using the Edit Reference Writer Ranking button below. If you have questions regarding the reference requirements, please refer to the GRFP FAQs link found on your applicant home page in the Quick Links.

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Add New | Edit Reference Writer Rankings

Applicant Home
3.4 Check Application Package Status

Applicant selects ‘Check Application Package Status’ from Welcome Applicants Home Page.

Click below to review which of your application package materials have been received:

View Your Application Package Status

Application Package Requirements

In order for an application to be reviewed, you must submit the following by the specified deadlines:

1) NSF GRFP submitted application
2) Two Reference Letters (you are strongly encouraged to provide three reference letters).

Deadlines for the Reference Letters

REFERENCE LETTERS: October 20, 2020 (Friday) 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Reference letters must be submitted on or before the deadline; three reference letters are required as part of your GRFP application. Applicants are encouraged to use the "Check Application Package Status" feature to ensure applications completeness.

Deadlines for the Application Package

NSF GRFP APPLICATION:
- Submissions accepted by 5:00 p.m. Local Time of applicant’s mailing address
- October 19, 2020 (Monday) - Life Sciences
- October 20, 2020 (Tuesday) - Computer and Information Science and Engineering
- October 20, 2020 (Tuesday) - Materials Research
- October 25, 2020 (Sunday) - Social Sciences
- October 25, 2020 (Sunday) - STEM Education and Learning
- October 26, 2020 (Monday) - Biological Sciences
- October 27, 2020 (Tuesday) - Physical Sciences
- October 27, 2020 (Tuesday) - Chemistry
- October 28, 2020 (Wednesday) - Geosciences
- October 28, 2020 (Wednesday) - Mathematical Sciences
- October 30, 2020 (Friday) - Physics and Astronomy

Need Help?

If you have non-technical questions regarding your application, please contact:
GRFP Operations Center
Phone: 1-866-NSF-GRFP (1-866-673-4377)
e-mail: info@grfp.io

For technical problems, please click here.
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4. **Reference Writer Screen Shots**

4.1 **Reference Letter Writer Login Page**

Reference Writer enters credentials and selects ‘Log In’.
4.2 Submit Reference Letter

Reference Writer selects ‘Start’.

Reference Letter Submission Instructions

The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program applicant(s) listed below have asked that you provide a reference letter in support of his or her application. The reference letter receipt deadline is 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) October 30, 2020 (Friday).

Please submit letters early to avoid technical delays on the deadline date.

The NSF GRFP system will guide you through the reference letter submission process and provide detailed instructions for each step in the process. To submit a letter of reference for a GRFP applicant, you must:

1. Prepare and save a reference letter on your computer following the reference letter guidelines. (A new browser window will open). Note: please turn off your browser’s pop-up blocker in order to allow a new window to open.

2. Select confidentiality option A or B.

3. Upload/submit your signed letter to NSF’s file system. There is a two page maximum limit for each reference letter. You must upload and accept your letter of reference. The uploaded letter will be automatically submitted after you accept the letter.

4. To begin working on a reference letter for an applicant listed below, select the “Start” link in the corresponding row. After you have submitted a reference letter, you may view or delete the letter by selecting the “View” link or “Delete” link in the corresponding row. You will only be able to view or delete the reference letter before the deadline for receipt of reference letters. You may upload a different letter by selecting the “Delete” link, and uploading a new letter before the deadline for receipt of reference letters.

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National Science Foundation
2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, USA
Tel: 703-292-5111, FAX: 800-677-8339 | TTY: 703-292-5090

Privacy and Security
4.3 Reference Writer / Prepare Submission of Letter of Reference

Reference Writer selects ‘Continue’.
4.4 Reference Writer / Select Confidentiality

Reference Writer selects ‘Continue’.

Submit Reference Letter

Prepare Submission of Letter of Reference

Select Confidentiality

Privacy Act Notice

* Required Field

IMPORTANT - CONFIDENTIALITY

NSF will protect your comments and your identity as a reference from public disclosure to the maximum extent possible. However, if the applicant requests records on his or her application under the Privacy Act of 1974, we may be required to release to the applicant a copy of your comments.

If you select ‘A’ below, the foundation will hold your identity and your identifying information contained in your comments in confidence. If you do not select ‘A’ to request confidentiality, then NSF may be required to disclose your identity to the applicant.

You must choose between one of the two following statements:

A. My preparation of this Letter of Reference is conditioned on the promise of the Foundation to take all reasonable steps to hold my identity in confidence.

B. My preparation of this Letter of Reference is not conditioned on its confidentiality.

Continue

Upload and Accept Letter of Reference

GRFP Acceptance - Tonal

National Science Foundation
2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, USA
Tel: 703-292-5111, FRS: 800-477-8339 | TTY: 703-292-5990

Privacy and Security
4.5 Reference Writer / Upload and Accept Letter of Reference


4.6 Confirmation

You have successfully submitted the reference letter.

Reference Home Page