

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

Description of Award

The NSF GRFP recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported STEM disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees at accredited US institutions. The five-year fellowship includes three years of financial support including an annual stipend of \$37,000 and a cost of education allowance of \$12,000 to the institution.

Looking for additional information? Try these links:

- [NSF Graduate Research Fellowship](#)
- [Applicant Eligibility - NSF Graduate Research Fellowships Program \(GRFP\)](#)

Eligibility:

- Must be first or second year graduate student (pre-master's)
 - *Have never earned a master's or professional degree in any field, or completed more than one academic year in a graduate degree-granting program, unless (i) returning to graduate study after an interruption of two or more consecutive years immediately preceding the application deadline, and; (ii) not enrolled in a graduate degree program at the application deadline*
- US citizen
- Intend to enroll or be enrolled in a research-based master's or doctoral degree in an eligible Field of Study in STEM or STEM education
- Have never previously accepted a Graduate Research Fellowship
- If previously offered a Graduate Research Fellowship, have declined by the acceptance deadline
- Have never previously applied to GRFP while enrolled in a graduate degree program
- Have never earned a doctoral or terminal degree in any field
- Not be a current NSF employee

Funds provided

- \$37,000/year stipend for 3 years
- \$12,000 "cost of education allowance" to institution

Deadlines

- Varies by field, but typically October, see [here](#) for information.

Major components of application

Written Statements

- Personal, Relevant Background, and Future Goals Statement (3 pages)
- Graduate Research Plan Statement (2 pages)
- *Note: Applicants must include separate sections on Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts in each of their written statements in order to provide reviewers with the information necessary to evaluate the application with respect to both Criteria as detailed below. Separate sections under separate headings for Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts must be included in both Personal and Research Plan statements.*
 - Intellectual Merit: the potential to advance knowledge
 - Broader Impacts: the potential to benefit society and contribute to the achievement of specific, desired societal outcomes

Reference Letters

Contact Information for Successful Applicants:

References:

<https://www.nsfgrfp.org/>