

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships

Purpose To ensure the vitality of the human resource base for mathematics, science and engineering in the United States. To reinforce its diversity.

Award

Tenable At accredited institutions located in the United States. For degrees in fields supported by the NSF. Degrees abroad are not supported.

Number & Amount About 1500 awards. Per annum: \$34,000 stipend and fixed payment to the institution to cover tuition/fees.

Duration Maximum of three years of funding. Usable over five years, making NSF Fellowships *de facto* deferrable for two years (which is particularly helpful if you also win another fellowship).

Eligibility

Who U.S. citizen, U.S. national or permanent resident. Supported areas:

Chemistry	Computer and Information Science/Engineering	
Engineering	Geosciences	Life Science
Materials Research	Mathematical Sciences	Physics & Astronomy
Psychology	Social Sciences	Stem Education & Learning

Note that “area of research” rather than “major” determines eligibility. For example, whether a student in Agronomy or Plant Pathology is eligible depends on whether they can demonstrate that their research falls under the “Life Science” umbrella.

Eligible research interests must also fall within the “leading edge of discovery” mission of the NSF. Students with a clinical emphasis, versus a research emphasis, are ineligible. The NIH oversees research related to health and disease.

When College senior and/or first/second year of graduate study. Graduate students must choose whether they will apply in the first or second year. Read the eligibility details carefully. Some restrictions are omitted here in the interest of space.

Selection Criteria Applicants judged on *Intellectual Merit* and *Broader Impact* (as defined by the NSF). Fellows typically have undergraduate research experience, a clear graduate research plan, and a strong academic record.

Campus Deadline None.

Deadline Deadline is staggered by field of study. Late October.

Application Online application. Two essays: *Personal, Relevant Background and Future Goals* and *Graduate Research Plan*. Transcripts. Three letters of reference.

Contact Beth Powers will gladly work with NSF applicants. Contact her at 207 Leadership Studies or (785) 532-3422. You should also consult with faculty mentors.

Other More information is available at www.nsfgrfp.org.

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