Welcome to the “Fellowship Focus” newsletter!

Please CLICK HERE to notify the Office of Graduate Education if you intend to apply to any fellowships. Every applicant should inform the office when you decide to apply to any program.

Upcoming Deadlines
(click for links)

**Gem Fellowship Program:** November 15

**SMART: Science, Mathematics, and Research Transformation Fellowships:** December 3

**National Physical Science Consortium:** December 6

**Department of Defense: National Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program:**
December 6

**Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs:** December 10

**Fellowship Program Spotlight:**

Science, Mathematics And Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship
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- **Disciplines:** 21 STEM disciplines
- **Award:** Full tuition and stipend ($25,000 - $38,000 depending on degree); up to $1,200 for health insurance annually, Misc. Supplies Allowance of $1,000 each academic year, paid summer research internships at DoD labs (required), employment placement after graduation (one year of employment required for every year of funding). **You do not have to accept an offer**
until you decide if you REALLY want what to work at the location they are offering. They give you ample opportunity to explore the option before you make a commitment.

- **Citizenship:** USA, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, or United Kingdom
- **Academic Profile:** Undergraduate or graduate student able to participate in summer internships at Department of Defense (DoD) laboratories and willing to accept post-graduate employment with the DoD as a civilian research scientist

**Due: December 3**

**Fellowship Search Tool:**

The University of North Carolina has a strong online search tool called **STRIVE** which our students are welcome to use. You may search by field, G.P.A., citizenship and a number of other criteria. They continue to add items to their database on a regular basis, including summer experiences with a number of the organizations that provide the larger awards. (ie. Nsf, , intelligence services, etc.)

**Simple Tip for Success:** **DON'T GIVE UP!**

Two things tend to discourage people from applying to programs.

1. You may not feel you are competitive enough. As an RPI student, you are already competitive! Developing a competitive application takes skill - which can be learned with practice. Don’t give up and you will develop the skills to submit great applications.
2. You may be under the impression that there are no options for you – especially if you are in a field or demographic that seems atypical of those earning awards. For example, some students believe that international students are only eligible for small awards and that the U.S. Government only funds U.S. Citizens. That is not true!

Below is a sample of large awards that international students can apply for:

- The Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration Laboratory Residency Graduate Fellowship (DOE NNSA LRGF), $36,000 +
- The Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study Graduate Fellowship (NDIAS), $90,000
- NVIDIA Graduate Fellowship, $50,000
- Facebook Fellowship Program, $37,000 & tuition
- Lawrence Fellowship or Graduate Scholarship Program, $100,000

Contact me at madige@rpi.edu if you would like to explore options in your field or would like support developing great application packages.

Today’s Quote:

“**I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will endure the darkness because it shows me the stars.**”

-Og Mandino