Welcome to the “Fellowship Focus” newsletter!

Please CLICK HERE to notify the Office of Graduate Education if you intend to apply to any fellowships. Some programs require action by RPI prior to your application.

Please CLICK HERE to notify the Office of Graduate Education if you have been awarded any fellowship.

**Upcoming Deadlines**
(click for links)

**Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration Stewardship Science Graduate Fellowship (DOE NNSA SSGF)** January 8

**National Institutes of Health Ruth L. Kirschstein National Pre-doctoral Fellowship** January 8

**Eiffel Scholarship Program of Excellence for Study in France** January 9

**Link Foundation: Modeling, Simulation, and Training Dissertation Fellowship** January 15

**Nuclear Energy University Program (NEUP)** January 16

**Boren Awards** January 29

**Department of Energy Rickover Fellowship Program** January 31

**Josephine de Karman Fellowship Trust (HASS emphasis)** January 31

**Fellowship Program Spotlight:**

Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellowship (CSGF)
Disciplines: Any engineering/science field using high-performance computing to solve problems; Math/Computer Science Track: for researching HPC-enabling technologies in applied mathematics, statistics, or computer science.

Award $36,000 annual stipend; 4-year fellowship; tuition & fees, $5,000 academic allowance ($1,000/year on renewal); 12-week practicum at a DOE national lab; access to DOE supercomputers; and an annual program review for fellows, alumni, and DOE staff in Washington, DC.

Citizenship: US Citizen or Permanent Resident

Academic Profile: Graduating senior entering a PhD program or in the first year of PhD program

Due January 15

Fellowship Search Tool:

A National Association of Fellowship Advisors member created this extensive LIST of opportunities for international students.
Please feel free to click on the link and explore the options.

Simple Tip for Success: DO A VERB CHECK!

The strongest applications compose a narrative that flows in one direction. Powerful verbs engage the reader.
Here are some strategies for maximizing these powerhouse words in your application materials:

1. Use active tense, not passive tense, verbs. Most sentences should take the form of subject -> verb -> direct object. This structure is the most efficient way to communicate your message! This can be challenging when writing about past activities or actions – rise to the challenge; your applications will be stronger.
2. Be the DOER of an action, not the receiver of one. You “competed for and earned” an award or fellowship. When you write that you “received” or “were selected” for something you diminish your merits. Write conveying ownership and intention for the direction your life/career has taken.
3. Use only one or two verbs in a sentence!!! Many students include 4, 5 or more verbs in multiple phrases of one sentence. This is confusing to the reader and causes them to have to reread sections. It is very challenging for the reader to understand who is doing what or to determine which subject/object is being modified by an additional phrase. Break multi-verb sentences into multiple sentences. The only exception to this is a sequence list such as “washed, dried, and put away the dishes.”

Contact me at madige@rpi.edu if you would like your application materials reviewed. Please send materials via email 2 weeks before a deadline to ensure time for review.

Today’s Quote:

“Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers.”
-Kahlil Gibran

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

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