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**

- **Intel Computational Data and Science (ACM SIGHPC)** Nominations due March 15, Application due April 30
- **Los Alamos National Laboratory Graduate Research Assistance Program** March 30
- **DOE NNSA LRGF April 3** - see Fellowship Program Spotlight below
- **Environmental Research and Education Foundation** April 3
- **Office of Science Graduate Student Research Program (SCGSR)** May 6

Note: The following programs accept applications year round. Keep them in mind when you are planning for your research year.

- **Argonne National Laboratory Graduate Research Program**
- **Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education Graduate Research Opportunities**

**Fellowship Program Spotlight:**

**DOE National Nuclear Security Administration Laboratory Residency Graduate Fellowship (DOE NNSA LRGF)**
https://www.krellinst.org/lrgf/
Disciplines: nuclear science and engineering

Award: $36,000 stipend; 4 Years; tuition; 2 paid twelve week summers at Laboratories required; publishing and other opportunities

Citizenship: US Citizen, international student

Academic Profile: PhD student in at least 2nd year of study

Due April 4

Fellowship Search Tool:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology External Funding
Scroll down to find different disciplines

Simple Tip for Success: Avoid visual graphs to illustrate skill levels in your C.V. or Resume!

The following is an example of a recent trend in C.V.s and Resumes:

We recommend that you do NOT represent your skill levels in this way! The visual can be counterproductive for a number of reasons:

1. This graph highlights gaps in your knowledge. The reviewers attention is drawn to the blank spaces – indicating what you SHOULD know but do not.
2. These charts are highly subjective and do not give the reviewer any specific information. An RPI faculty member that reviews nationally competitive program applications finds these visuals to be frustrating rather than informative – especially when you are referring to programs of varying complexity and applicability.

You can illustrate your skill levels in the body of the C.V. by explicitly stating tasks you did WITH the various programs and tools. Strong verbs indicate that you can apply your knowledge. Then, you may list the systems you have experience in below. If you feel compelled to characterize your skill levels, use words like “proficient” or ‘intermediate” If you are a beginner, do not list the system/language.

It is advisable to use phrases (fluent, intermediate, basic) for competency levels in spoken languages.

Harvard University Office of Career Services has posted an amazing guide for creating graduate level CVs and Resumes. The guide briefly examines when you should use a C.V. vs. a Resume and includes many examples you may use as models. The link is HERE.

Spring Workshops Sign up:
**Fellowship 101 - Introduction to External Funding:** Fellowships allow you to set your own research agenda; they also carry prestige and help develop your career. In this session we’ll cover the basics, including where to search for funding and what goes into a successful application. Learn about opportunities for full fellowships with stipends, travel grants, opportunities for research abroad, and more. External funding is not just for US citizens! We’ll discuss options for international students as well.

- March 20, 2:00 - 3:00 pm Folsom Library CONFERENCE room
  RPI Workshop SIGN UP

  *Now available as an online series of video shorts! [VIEW HERE](#) (must use RPI email addresss)*

**Writing for Fellowship Applications:** Writing for fellowship and other funding opportunities requires applicants to apply excellent writing skills to produce a complete application package. These skills CAN be learned. Join us for a workshop that helps FLUENT English speaking students improve their writing as well as provides guidance for ESL students. Bring paper and something to write with as you will exchange written work in helpful activities.

- March 23, 2:00 - 3:30pm, Folsom Library Conference room
  RPI Workshop SIGN UP

Today’s Quote:

“There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect.”

- Ronald Reagan

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