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**

**Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (NDIAS):** September 16th

**Fulbright Scholarship:** Internal deadline – September 12th, Program deadline October 8th

**Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE NNSA):** October 2nd

**Nuclear Energy University Program (NEUP):** October 4

**Hertz:** October 23

**National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP):** October-November  (see below)

**Fellowship Program Spotlight:**

**National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP)**

**Disciplines:** Science and engineering fields supported by NSF (see website). Read requirements carefully as some fields are not supported.

**Award:** 3 years of support during a 5-year fellowship period, with a $34,000 annual stipend, opportunities for internships (GRIP), research abroad (GROW), and supercomputer access (XSEDE)

**Citizenship:** US Citizen, US National, or Permanent Resident
Academic Profile: Undergraduate senior or graduate student in the first or second year of graduate school. Student may apply as an undergraduate student and ONLY ONCE as a graduate student. Special conditions apply for those returning after extended leave from college.

Due October to November. (Deadline depends on discipline; see website.)

Selection Process: Your application will be grouped with either undergraduate students, first year graduate students, second year graduate students, or the exceptions category. Applications are evaluated based on ratings for “intellectual merit” and “broader impacts” evidenced and articulated across application documents.

Applicant Support: The NSF website has extensive information about the program and how to apply. RPI Office of Graduate Education has examples of successful applicant materials available and will support students throughout the application process. Email Madige@rpi.edu for additional information. Additionally, the Graduate Research Fellowship Operations Center encourages students to contact them at info@nsfgrfp.org or (toll-free) 1-866-673-4737 with any questions about eligibility or the application process.

Fellowship Search Tool:

The UCLA Graduate School has a powerful search tool with dynamic filters, including award amounts, citizenship, discipline, academic stage, gender, and minority status. Consider using the Fellowship Evaluation Form to select programs you are qualified for and that are investing in your mission.

Simple Tip for Success:

Apply to at least three fellowship programs. You will increase your odds of receiving an award because you will improve the skills of selecting appropriate programs and developing competitive applications. Consider professional development to be a goal that you can reach, regardless of selection committee results. These skills will be necessary for grant applications or reporting/writing about your work – required in almost every field. Most successful applicants to the large awards have applied to multiple programs. You may have the wonderful experience of having to decide between more than one opportunity!

Today’s Quote:

“A dream written down with a date becomes a goal. A goal broken down into steps becomes a plan. A plan backed by action, makes your dreams a reality.” -Greg Reid

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