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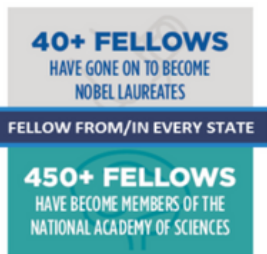
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60,000+ GRFPS AWARDED

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Fellowship Benefits

5-YEAR FELLOWSHIP PERIOD

3 YEARS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

NO POST-GRADUATE STUDY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

2020 COMPETITION
12,000+ APPLICANTS
2,000+ OFFERS

ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED
500+
2020 COMPETITION

More Information

- For official program information: **www.nsf.gov/grfp**
- For application assistance: **www.nsfgrfp.org**
- For application submission: **www.research.gov/grfp**
- Contact us at: **info@nsfgrfp.org or 1-866-NSF-GRFP (673-4737)**

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Major Fields of Study

CHEMISTRY

LIFE SCIENCES

PSYCHOLOGY

ENGINEERING

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

MATERIALS RESEARCH

SOCIAL SCIENCES

GEOSCIENCES

PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY

STEM EDUCATION & LEARNING RESEARCH

Each Major field of study has several subfields of study.

Prepare early!

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident
- Intend to enroll or be enrolled in a research-based master's or doctoral degree program in an eligible Field of Study in STEM or STEM education
- Have never previously accepted a Graduate Research Fellowship
- If previously offered a Graduate Research Fellowship, have declined by the acceptance deadline
- Have never previously applied to GRFP while enrolled in a graduate degree program
- Have never earned a doctoral or terminal degree in any field
- Have never earned a master's or professional degree in any field, or completed more than one academic year in a graduate degree–granting program, unless (i) returning to graduate study after an interruption of two or more consecutive years immediately preceding the application deadline, **AND**; (ii) not enrolled in a graduate degree program at the application deadline
- Not be a current NSF employee
- ***See the complete list of eligibility requirements in the Solicitation***

Example Application Cycle

Late October — Applications Due

Shortly after application is due — Reference Letters Due

For *Level 1* only — Apply to Grad Schools!

Fellowship Offers

Acceptance of Award and Declaration of Tenure/Reserve

Fellowship Year Begins

March – April   Early May   Early September