

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

The National Science Foundation (NSF) aims to ensure the vitality of the human resource base of science, mathematics, and engineering in the United States and to reinforce its diversity. To that end in March 2002, the NSF will award approximately 900 new three-year Graduate Fellowships, including awards offered for women in engineering and computer and information science. NSF Fellows are expected to contribute significantly to research, teaching, and industrial applications in science, mathematics, and engineering. These contributions, in turn, will broadly impact society and the community.

As part of its mission to promote the progress of science, mathematics, and engineering, NSF supports individuals and groups to engage in activities that ensure a technologically literate populace with the understanding and skills needed for the workforce of the twenty-first century as well as fully trained scientists and engineers for the present and the future. In forming its investment strategy for education and human resource development, NSF's aim is to ensure that all members of society have real opportunity to succeed in science and technology so that the Nation can draw upon the strength and creativity that the diversity in our society has to offer.

Program:

- science
- mathematics
- engineering

NSF encourages women, minorities, and persons with disabilities to compete fully in this program.

Eligibility:

- Citizenship: Applicants must be United States citizens or nationals, or permanent resident aliens of the United States.
- Field and Degree Program: Fellowships are awarded for graduate study in fields supported by the NSF, including the mathematical, physical, biological, behavioral and social sciences; engineering; the history of science and the philosophy of science; and for research-based PhD degrees in science education.
- Earned Graduate Study: Fellowships are intended for individuals in the early stages of their graduate study. In most cases, an individual has three opportunities to apply: during the senior year of college, the first year of graduate school, and the beginning of the second year of graduate school.

Award:

Fellowships provide three years of support that may be used over a five-year period. As many as 900 fellowships are awarded annually. The amount of the stipend is \$20,500 for a 12-month tenure plus \$10,500 cost-of-education allowance per tenure year pending availability of funds.

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