

Apply for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)



This Fellowship Program is designed to attract the full spectrum of U.S. talent to careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. NSF GRFP recognizes and supports individuals seeking STEM careers through graduate studies.

Eligibility

The NSF GRFP is open to:

- U.S. citizens, nationals, and permanent residents
- Undergraduate students in the final year of a bachelor's degree program
- Bachelor's degree holders with no prior graduate degree enrollment
- Joint bachelor's-master's degree students in their final undergraduate or first graduate year
- First-year graduate students in their first graduate degree program

Field of Study

Applicants must select an eligible Major Field of Study within the following STEM disciplines, which include High-Priority Research Areas.*

- Chemistry
- Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering
- Engineering
- Geosciences
- Life Sciences
- Materials Research
- Mathematical Sciences
- Physics and Astronomy
- Psychology
- Social Sciences

*High-Priority Research Areas are listed in the NSF GRFP Notice of Funding Opportunity.

Timeline

Undergraduate students must apply to graduate schools and be enrolled by September 1 to accept the Fellowship.



Benefits

- Financial support for three years (over a five-year period)
 - Awarded to individual, paid through the graduate institution
 - \$37,000 stipend awarded to the individual or fellow
 - \$16,000 Cost of Education (COE) paid to institution
 - COE payment covers all tuition and mandatory fees (no cost to student)
- Choice of (eligible) research area and graduate program.
- No service requirement after completion.
- Can be used at any accredited, non-profit, U.S. Institution of Higher Education (IHE), with campus in the United States for research-based master's and doctoral degrees in eligible STEM fields.

Applying for the NSF GRFP

- Visit [NSF.gov/grfp](https://www.nsf.gov/grfp) for details to apply, including eligibility criteria, key deadlines, and application package requirements.
- Applicants are reviewed under National Science Board Merit Review Criteria.
- For additional NSF educational opportunities, visit [NSF.gov](https://www.nsf.gov).