



Graduate Research Fellowship Program, GRFP

To ensure the vitality of the STEM human resource base, GRFP invests in diverse, outstanding graduate students, who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees in NSF-supported disciplines. As future STEM leaders, students must be U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents in the early phases of their graduate careers and are selected through the NSF peer-review process. The flexible nature of GRFP allows the Program to respond to emerging fields of inquiry, broaden participation, and to provide international research opportunities.

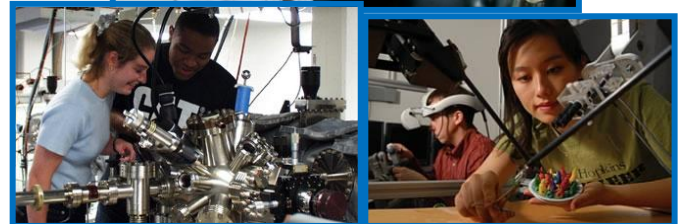
- 5 Year Award
- 3 Years Support
- \$30,000/yr Stipend
- \$10,500/yr Cost of Education
- \$1,000 Travel Abroad
- International Research
- Supercomputer Access

The Numbers

- 46,500 Fellowships awarded since 1952
- 3,600 Fellows enrolled in 200 institutions in the US and abroad
- 2,000 New Awards announced in FY 2010

Unique Features

- **Portability:** Fellows may enroll in any accredited institution in the US or abroad, providing access to the best scientific expertise and resources throughout the world.
- **Flexibility:** Fellows may be on reserve for 1-2 years to engage in intensive research at national or international research facilities, to gain industry research experience, to achieve teaching experience, or to participate in other, career-enhancing opportunities.



Eligibility:

- U.S. Citizen, National or Permanent Resident
- Pursuing research-based MS or PhD in NSF-supported discipline
- Early career: senior undergraduate through first/second year graduate students

Program Impacts

- Results in higher PhD completion rates for Fellows compared to non-Fellows
- Responsive to national needs for a strong, diverse and globally engaged science and engineering workforce
- Provides support to increase the pool of women in engineering and computer and information science, facilitate access to NSF-supported supercomputer facilities, and Facilitation Awards for Scientists and Engineers with Disabilities
- Leverages NSF resources to broaden the participation of underrepresented groups

For Educators

Over 75% of all applicants say they hear about the program from an educator! There are a number of ways to get involved in promoting this program to potential applicants, including:

- [Registering](#) to serve as a panel reviewer
- [Registering](#) to serve as an [Experienced GRFP Resource Person](#) for applicants at your institution
- Giving a [presentation](#) about the program and/or distributing [promotional materials](#) at your institution

Typically, applications open in August, close in November, and awards are announced in late March for funding to be applied starting the following academic year.