# National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships

## Purpose
To ensure the vitality of the human resource base for mathematics, science and engineering in the United States. To reinforce its diversity.

## Award

### Tenable
At accredited institutions located in the United States. For degrees in fields supported by the NSF. Degrees abroad are not supported.

### Number & Amount
About 1500 awards. Per annum: $34,000 stipend and fixed payment to the institution to cover tuition/fees.

### Duration
Maximum of three years of funding. Usable over five years, making NSF Fellowships *de facto* deferrable for two years (which is particularly helpful if you also win another fellowship).

## Eligibility

### Who
U.S. citizen, U.S. national or permanent resident. Supported areas:

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Note that “area of research” rather than “major” determines eligibility. For example, whether a student in Agronomy or Plant Pathology is eligible depends on whether they can demonstrate that their research falls under the “Life Science” umbrella.

Eligible research interests must also fall within the “leading edge of discovery” mission of the NSF. Students with a clinical emphasis, versus a research emphasis, are ineligible. The NIH oversees research related to health and disease.

### When
College senior and/or first/second year of graduate study. Graduate students must choose whether they will apply in the first or second year. Read the eligibility details carefully. Some restrictions are omitted here in the interest of space.

### Selection Criteria
Applicants judged on Intellectual Merit and Broader Impact (as defined by the NSF). Fellows typically have undergraduate research experience, a clear graduate research plan, and a strong academic record.

## Campus Deadline
None.

## Deadline
Deadline is staggered by field of study. Late October.

## Application
Online application. Two essays: *Personal, Relevant Background and Future Goals* and *Graduate Research Plan*. Transcripts. Three letters of reference.

## Contact
Jim Hohenbary will gladly work with NSF applicants. Contact him at 215 Fairchild or (785) 532-3422. You should also consult with faculty mentors.

## Other
More information is available at [www.nsfgrfp.org](http://www.nsfgrfp.org).

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