RICE GRADUATE STUDENTS

Preparing a Competitive Application for NSF’s Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)

About the NSF GRFP
The NSF GRFP application period is now open! The NSF GRFP provides fellowships to individuals selected early in their graduate careers based on their demonstrated potential for significant achievements in science and engineering. STEM graduate students in the following fields are eligible to apply: Life Sciences, Geosciences Social Sciences, Psychology, STEM Education and Learning Mathematical Sciences, Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy, Engineering, Computer and Information Science and Engineering, and Materials Research. The program provides three years of support for graduate study that is in a field within NSF’s mission and that leads to a research-based doctoral degree. The NSF expects to award 2,000 graduate research fellowships under this program solicitation pending availability of funds.

The program goals are 1) to select, recognize, and financially support individuals early in their careers with the demonstrated potential to be high achieving scientists and engineers, and 2) to broaden participation in science and engineering of underrepresented groups, including women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and veterans. To learn more about the NSF GRFP, visit https://www.nsfgrfp.org/.

GRFP Presentation and Workshop Series
The Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, in conjunction with the Office of Proposal Development, is offering a presentation and series of supplemental workshops on the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP). The presentation will provide a high-level overview of the GRFP, while the workshop series will comprise three components: GRFP Current Fellows Q&A, Writing the Personal Statement and Research Plan Q&A, and a Peer Review Session in which participants will receive one-on-one assistance with their applications. Additionally, past winners of the GRFP will be offering 30 minute consultation sessions for two months starting in late August. Please contact Dr. Molly Slattery at slattery@rice.edu for questions regarding GRFP university-sponsored programs.

1) The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (Presentation)
   Dr. Joff Silberg, BCB/BIOE
   Date and Time: August 26, 11:50-1 p.m.
   Location: Room 180, Dell Butcher
   Please RSVP via the following link: http://doodle.com/2a8xe2q4isftu89n

2) NSF GRFP Current Fellows Q&A (Workshop)
   Current GRFP Fellows will answer applicant questions.
   Date and Time: September 2, 12 -1 p.m.
   Location: Room 180, Dell Butcher
Please RSVP via the following link: [http://doodle.com/tmmb23v8q6unck89](http://doodle.com/tmmb23v8q6unck89)

3) NSF GRFP Personal Statement and Research Plan Q&A (Workshop)

Dr. Molly Slattery, Office of Proposal Development

*Date and Time:* September 16, 12-130 p.m.
*Location:* Allen Center, 3rd floor Conference Room

Please RSVP via the following link: [http://doodle.com/9fha7mxgfuhvpmn4](http://doodle.com/9fha7mxgfuhvpmn4)

4) NSF GRFP Peer Review Session (Workshop)

Dr. Molly Slattery, Office of Proposal Development
Dr. Jennifer Wilson, Center for Written, Oral, and Visual Communication

*Date and Time:* October 20, 3:00 p.m.
*Location:* Center for Written, Oral, and Visual Communication, Fondren Library Mezzanine

Please RSVP via the following link: [http://doodle.com/x64n5cp3qq7vyya](http://doodle.com/x64n5cp3qq7vyya)

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GRFP Consultation Services

1) Past Winners GRFP Mentoring Consultations (Mentoring Sessions)

Current Rice GRFP Fellows

*Date and Time:* August 31 – October 23
*Location:* BO6 Allen Center (Mentors will Skype as well)

Please contact Dr. Molly Slattery at slattery@rice.edu to schedule an appointment with a student consultant.

2) University Grant Editors Consultations (Mentoring Sessions)

The Office of Proposal Development

*Date and Time:* August 27 – October 30
*Location:* BO6 Allen Center (Editors will Skype as well)

Working with a faculty member in your department to write a draft of your application, you can schedule an appointment to have your application reviewed by the university's grant editors. Editors provide assistance with guideline interpretation, brainstorming, strategizing, proofing, and editing. Please contact Dr. Molly Slattery at slattery@rice.edu to set up an appointment.