• GRFP

• Specialized Information for Graduate Students

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• Job opportunities
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DDIG grants provide partial support to enhance a doctoral dissertation – i.e., to add a new dimension or improve the research beyond the already existing project.

Only the 4 clusters within the Division of Environmental Biology (DEB) and the Behavioral Systems cluster in the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems (IOS) accept DDIG proposals (projects must be appropriate for one of these clusters).

Annual Competition – October 10, 2014 submission deadline

Proposals may request up to $13,000 in Direct Costs and a duration of up to 24 months. Proposal submitted by the faculty advisor (PI); student listed as co-PI

- Advanced to candidacy for a Ph.D. degree
- Enrolled at a U.S. institution (need not be a U.S. citizen)

Questions? – email ddig-deb@nsf.gov
The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program

nsf.gov/grfp
www.nsfgrfp.org
GRFP Goals

- To select, recognize, and financially support individuals early in their careers with the demonstrated potential to be high achieving scientists and engineers.

- To broaden participation in science and engineering of underrepresented groups, including women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and veterans.
GRFP Key Elements

Five Year Award – $132,000

- Three years of support
  - $32,000 Stipend per year
  - $12,000 Educational allowance to institution
- International research opportunity: GROW
- Supercomputer access: XSEDE
- Career Life Balance support
GRFP Unique Features

- Awarded directly to student
- **Flexible:** choice of project, advisor & program
- **Unrestrictive:** No service requirement
- **Portable:** Any accredited U.S. institution
  - MS → PhD

- **2010 – 2013:** 2,000 Fellowships each year
  - 12,000 Applications – ~17% success rate
GRFP Solicitation (NSF 13-584)

Contains the following information:
  ◦ Program Description
  ◦ Award Information
  ◦ Eligibility requirements
  ◦ Application preparation
  ◦ Submission instructions
  ◦ Application Review Criteria
GRFP Application Timeline

- **August**: Solicitation Posted
- **November**: Applications Due
- **November**: Reference Letters Due
- **March - April**: Recipients Announced
- **May 1**: Acceptance of Award and Declaration of Tenure/Reserve
- **June 1 or Sept. 1**: Fellowship Year Begins

- **Fellowship Year Begins**

NSF FastLane

- Personal, Relevant Background and Future Goals Statement (3 pages)
- Graduate Research Statement (2 pages)
- Transcripts (uploaded electronically)
- Three letters of reference (received by x Nov 2014, 8 pm EST)

DEADLINES: x. x November 2014 (received by 8 pm EST)

Please see 2014 Solicitation for application details and requirements
NSF Review Criteria

Two National Science Board–approved criteria

- Intellectual Merit
- Broader Impacts
GRFP Advice for Applicants

- Start early
- Read Solicitation, and read it again
- Read NSF GRFP websites

- Select and confirm reference letter writers
- Pay attention to Merit Review criteria
- Identify several colleagues and have them comment on multiple statement drafts
- Share your application materials and the merit review criteria with reference writers
GRFP Resources

- NSF GRFP Website (nsf.gov/grfp)
  - Solicitation and links
- NSF GRFP FastLane Website (fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp)
  - Application, guides, announcements
- GRFP Website (nsfgrfp.org)
- Current & former fellows
- Phone & e-mail
  - 866-NSF-GRFP (673-4737)
  - info@nsfgrfp.org
www.nsfgrfp.org/additional_resources/other_funding_opportunities

**Graduate and Post-Doctoral Support**
AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships
Chateaubriand Fellowship
Department of Energy Office of Science Graduate Fellowship Program
Department of Homeland Security Scholarship and Fellowship Program
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowships
Fulbright Scholar Program
Hertz Foundation
etc

**Additional scholarship, fellowship and grants funding sources:**
ASEE's Science and Engineering Scholarships and Fellowships directory
the National Academies' listings
the Community of Science website
Research Molecular Biologist/Microbiologist (Postdoctoral Research Associate)
Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency and one of the world's premiere scientific organizations, ARS Postdoctoral Research Associates are hired to supplement scientist's research on agricultural problems of high national priority.
Salary: $57,082.00 - $75,376.00 / Per Year
Series & Grade: GS-0401/0403-11/11
Location(s): Peoria, Illinois
Open Period: 2/12/2014 to 4/30/2014
Announcement Number: RA-14-015-L
Department: Department Of Agriculture
Agency: Agricultural Research Service
Position Info: Full Time - Excepted Service Term NTE 2 years
Who May Apply: US Citizens and Non Citizens

Research Chemist (Postdoctoral Research Associate)
Department of Agriculture's chief scientific research agency and one of the world's premiere scientific organizations, ARS Postdoctoral Research Associates are hired to supplement scientist's research on agricultural problems of high national priority.
Salary: $57,408.00 - $74,620.00 / Per Year
Series & Grade: GS-1320-11/11
Location(s): Peoria, Illinois
Open Period: 1/1/2014 to 6/30/2014
Announcement Number: RA-13-032-L
Department: Department Of Agriculture
Agency: Agricultural Research Service
Position Info: Full Time - Excepted Service Term NTE 2 years
Who May Apply: US Citizens and Non Citizens