

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) 2017 Workshop Series

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The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship is a prestigious three-year grant that provides a student with a \$34,000/year stipend and a \$12,000/year tuition allowance for graduate study. If you are a college senior, a first-year graduate student, or a beginning 2nd year graduate student in disciplines supported by NSF, you should consider applying for the Fellowship.

Eligible disciplines are: Engineering (all subfields); Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering; Materials Research; Mathematical Sciences; Chemistry; Physics and Astronomy; Social Sciences; Psychology; STEM Education and Learning; Life Sciences; and Geosciences.

You MUST be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to be eligible to apply!

Your grade point average should be at least 3.0/4.0 if you plan to apply!

You can find more details on our website: <http://guides.lib.lsu.edu/grfp> and in the NSF GRFP request for proposals: https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?WT.z_pims_id=6201&ods_key=nsf16588

Although the application process is involved, on-campus experts will arm you with tools to optimize your chances for success, including:

- Developing a strong proposed research essay
- Optimizing your application for intellectual merit and broader impacts
- Using a high-impact written communication style that will get your application noticed
- Learning tips from faculty who have reviewed Fellowship applications and from students who have received the Fellowship

This is the eighth year that the workshop series will be offered—thus far, 40 LSU students who completed these workshops have received NSF Graduate Fellowships.

Calendar of Events

1. Wednesday, September 6, 5:00-6:30 PM -- Introduction and Overview Event / Location: 152 Coates Hall

- You will learn about the application process and how to create a competitive application

2. Tuesday, September 19, 5:00-6:30 PM -- Student Panel Event / Location TBD, consult <http://guides.lib.lsu.edu/grfp> for updates on location

- You will hear from LSU graduate students who received the NSF Graduate Fellowship as they share their experiences from the application process, provide advice, and answer your questions.

- NOTE: You can ask informal questions of the faculty workshop presenters between 4:30 and 5:00!

3. Wednesday, October 4, 5:00-6:30 PM -- Optional Hands-On Workshop / Location TBD, consult <http://guides.lib.lsu.edu/grfp> for updates on location

- Focused workshop on developing the broader impacts, intellectual merit, or narrative part of your application

4. Wednesday, October 11, 5:00-6:30 -- Complete Draft Review Session / Location TBD, consult <http://guides.lib.lsu.edu/grfp> for updates on location

- Evaluation of your fellowship draft applications by LSU faculty and your peers
- **Bring 3 copies of the draft of your application draft for critique; you will also critique others' drafts**

NOTE: You can attend the first or second session only, but you should come to fourth session **only** if you attended the one or more of the first two sessions (the third session is optional). **We strongly recommend that you work with at least one faculty advisor to assist you in critiquing your application.**

Contact Marybeth Lima at mlima1@lsu.edu if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!