

STEM Education Research Graduate Fellowships

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program

- Three years of fellowship to pursue a research based masters or doctorate in STEM fields supported by NSF (non-clinical sciences) - including STEM education and learning research
 - \$35,000 stipend/year
 - International research opportunities
 - Internship opportunities
- Applications are usually due in the Fall each year (the deadline can change).
 - GRFP Website: www.nsfgrfp.org
- Applying for the GRFP is similar to a graduate school application therefore there is no reason not to do it!
- GRFP application questions: infor@nsfgrfp.org or 866-NSF-GRFP (673-4737)

Developing Your GRFP Application

- Read the current call for GRFP applications
 - Changes are made to the application from year to year
 - Be honest in your written statements and explain your motivation and passion for pursuing graduate school
 - You need to demonstrate your **potential** to be a productive scientist, mathematician, or engineer through your past experiences
 - You do not have to already be an active researcher to be awarded the GRFP but you have to convey your commitment and interest
- Watch the on-line technical assistance videos on GRFP website and review the FAQs and tip sheets.
- Critical friends: Ask your peers and mentors to critically review your application materials before you submit.

Getting Strong Reference Letters

- **Make it easy for your reference writers:**
 - Give them information about you and your interests and accomplishments
 - Drafts of your application materials and a resume or CV
 - Give them the deadlines and the web site for submission
 - Point them to the tips on writing strong letters:
[www.nsfgrfp.org/for reference writers](http://www.nsfgrfp.org/for_reference_writers)
 - Follow up with them several weeks before the deadline – remind them that your application will not be considered without their letter!
- **Nominate more reference writers in FastLane than the minimum three:**
 - You rank the letter writers and the top three that are submitted will be used - but **you have to have at least three** to be considered!
 - www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/