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Instructions for Preparing GRFP Application

- The GRFP application is divided into sections with separate headings. Instructions are provided for completing each section. The required fields are indicated by an asterisk (*).
- You may complete the sections in any order that you choose. Navigate through the application using the links in the title for each section.
- You may save your application information as you go and complete it at a later time. Click "Save and Continue" to save your data and advance to the next step. Caution: Using the buttons on your Internet browser toolbar can result in the loss of data.
- You can submit your application by clicking "Continue" in the SUBMIT APPLICATION section. The system will verify that you have provided the required information needed to submit your application. If all of the required fields are complete, you can submit your application by providing an electronic certification for your application.
- You can check for application completeness at any time while preparing your application by clicking the "Check Application Completeness" link on the right of the page.

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PERSONAL PROFILE

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Personal Information

*First Name: Prefix: Middle Name: Suffix:
*Last Name:
Previous Last Name 1: Previous Last Name 2:

Mailing Address

*Street Address-1:
Street Address-2:
*City: State: Zip:
*Country:
(If Country selected is United States, then State and Zip are required.)
Postal Code:

In the event we need to contact you regarding your application, please provide an email address and phone number where you can be reached. **Emails are the primary source of communication** used by the GRFP Administrators. It is important for you to use a current email address and to update the email address if it changes.

*Email:
*Phone Number: Ext.: *(Hyphens and spaces are not allowed)*

Permanent Address

Same as mailing address

Street Address-1:

Street Address-2:

City: State: Zip:

Country:

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Postal Code:

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Email:

Phone Number: Ext.: *(Hyphens and spaces are not allowed)*

Date and Place of Birth

Date of Birth: *(mm/dd/yyyy)*

State: Country:

Native language:

*Citizenship: Citizen or National of the United States Permanent resident alien of the United States

If you are a permanent resident alien, date permanent resident alien status was granted:

(mm/yyyy)

High School Location

City: State:

Country:

Demographic Information

Why This Information Is Being Requested

The National Science Foundation is committed to broadening the participation of groups currently under-represented in science and engineering. In order to accurately gauge our progress in achieving this important goal, we ask that applicants provide the requested demographic information. Submission of the requested information is voluntary and is not a precondition of award. Nonetheless, we need your cooperation, for information not submitted will seriously undermine the statistical validity and, therefore, the usefulness of information reported.

[Race and Ethnicity Definitions](#)

*Gender:

*Race: (select one or more)

- American Indian or Alaskan
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Do not wish to provide race

*Ethnicity:

*Disability: (select one or more)

- Hearing Impairment
- Mobility/Orthopedic Impairment
- Visual Impairment
- None
- Do not wish to provide handicap status
- Other Disability (Please specify. Must be less than 255 characters.)

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GRE TEST SCORES

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By selecting "Yes" to items in this section, the NSF will pay for your scores to be reported. If you do not select "Yes", your GRE scores will not be included in your application.

GRE General Test Scores

For tests taken between October 1, 2003 and November 30, 2008 to be included in your GRFP application:

Yes, I would like the Education Testing Service (ETS) to provide GRE Test Scores

No items found.

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Test Date (mm/yyyy)	Registration Number	Last Name	First Name	MI	Action
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Nothing found to display

[Add New General Test Score](#)

GRE TEST SCORES

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Add GRE General Test score

For more information regarding Registration Numbers and Subject Codes, please visit http://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/GRE/pdf/0708_gre_bulletin.pdf

* Test Date: (mm/yyyy)

ETS provides test takers with a seven digit Test Registration Number and an 8 to 16 digit Confirmation Number. Only the seven digit Test Registration Number can be entered here. Contact ETS to receive or confirm your Test Registration Number.

* Registration Number:
(Please enter '0' (zero) for Registration Number if you plan to take the GRE test after you submit your application.)

* Last Name:

* First Name:

MI:

Save

Cancel

GRE Subject Test Scores

For tests taken between October 1, 2003 and November 30, 2008 to be included in your GRFP application:

Yes, I would like the Education Testing Service (ETS) to provide GRE Test Scores

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Subject Code	Test Date (mm/yyyy)	Registration Number	Last Name	First Name	MI	Action
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Nothing found to display

[Add New Subject Test Score](#)

Please note, by answering yes to either of the above questions, I authorize the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) to request and ETS to report all of my Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General or Subject tests scores from the GRE test database from tests administered since October 1, 2003, including the results of tests which I intend to take between now and November 30, 2008.

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* First Name:

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EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE

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Education

*List colleges or universities attended and your enrollment details. Add the additional degrees or majors by clicking the **Add New** button and entering the same education information while selecting a different degree or major. Academic transcripts are required for all institutions listed. Required transcripts to complete your application include academic transcripts from your baccalaureate institution and transcripts for all completed graduate work. If your undergraduate transcripts include all transfer credits, such as community college or summer courses, you do not need to list each undergraduate institution attended. Please read the Application Preparation Instructions in the Program Solicitation for more information on the transcripts requirements. We recommend applicants send in transcripts ahead of the deadline.

Official transcript(s) are required in hard copy via postal mail, express service, or courier to:
GRF Operations Center
Suite T-50
1818 N Street NW
Washington, DC 20036-2479

Once a transcript has been received for an institution, the delete option will not be available for that institution. You may still edit details of your attendance at this institution, but may not edit the name of the institution.

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College/University	Location	Start Date	Completion Date	Degree	Award Date	Major Field	Cuml. GPA	GPA Basis	Grad. Sem. Hrs.	Grad. Qtr. Hrs.	Grad. Dept.	Action
James Madison University	HARRISONBURG, VA, US	05/2000	06/2000			Comp/IS/Eng - Graphics and Visualization						Edit Delete

Add New



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Add College/University

Please click the Find Organization link to add or edit your college/university. Select the main campus name rather than schools or colleges within the university.

[Find Organization](#)

* Name:

* City:

State:

* Country:

Provide the following details about your college/university.

* Start Date: (mm/yyyy)

If you have not yet completed your program at this college/university, then the Completion Date and Award Date should be the Expected Completion Date and Expected Award Date.

* Completion Date: (mm/yyyy)

Award Date: (mm/yyyy)

Degree:

* Major Field:

If you can not find your Major Field or have selected Major, Other (example: Chemistry, Other), please enter a description below.

Other Major Field:

Cumulative GPA:

GPA Basis: (e.g., 4.0; 4.33; 5.0)

Enrollment Information

Enrolled in this educational institution as-

*a) Full-time Part-time Not Applicable

*b) Undergraduate Graduate Not Applicable

Graduate Courses Information

* Have you **COMPLETED** any graduate courses at this educational institution?

Yes No

If yes, it is required to list the department and hours completed. If there are no hours completed to report, you must enter 0 for the information to be processed. For the Semester Hours or Quarter Hours definitions, please visit the GRFP FAQs located under the Quick Links or refer to the Applicant User Guide.

Department:

Semester Hours:

Quarter Hours:

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PROPOSED GRADUATE PROGRAM

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Proposed University or College

*Proposed University or College:

If you cannot find your proposed university or college from the list above, please enter the name and location below. Please note that if you have already made a selection from the list above, the system does not need you to provide this information and will not allow you to enter it.

Other:

City:

State:

Country:

(If Country selected is United States, then State is required.)

Provide the following details about your proposed university or college. Indicate the primary field of study for the proposed graduate program and research. This may be different from your proposed graduate department information. This information will be used in order to determine the amount of completed graduate study for eligibility purposes and to assign the application to the appropriate review panel.

A list of [Panel Designations by Field Code](#) for the 2008 Application cycle is provided for reference in selecting your Primary Field of study. Applications indicating an "other" field of study (i.e. Chemistry - other (specify)) will be assigned to the appropriate panel based on the description entered for Other Primary Field of Study.

*Primary Field of Study:

If you select 'Other', please enter below.

Other Primary Field of Study:

Department:

Interdisciplinary Information

*Is your proposed graduate program interdisciplinary?

Yes No

If Yes:

% of program for Primary Field of Study.

Other Field of Study:

% of program.

Other Field of Study:

% of program.

Other Field of Study:

% of program.

Highest Level of Degree

What is the highest level degree toward which you expect to work while on your fellowship tenure? (Your answer will be used for statistical purposes only and will not be seen by the selection panel.)

Degree:

If you could not find your degree, please enter below.

REFERENCES

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References Instructions

After adding a reference, please click the 'Send Email' link in order to notify the person of your request for a reference letter. The individual will receive an email that contains instructions on how to submit a reference letter for your Fellowship application. Please remember that the system will not send any email notification to references on its own; your action of **clicking the 'Send Email' link is required.**

Before submitting your application, you can manage your references through either the 'Prepare Application' or 'Manage References' links on the home page. However, after you submit your application, you may only manage your references through the 'Manage References' link on the home page.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF REFERENCE MATERIALS IS 12/01/2008.

Note: If you update any of the reference information after you have sent the request email using the "Send Email" link, you must resend the email to the person of your request via the same link. If you chose to delete a reference writer from your list, and you have already sent them a request to write a reference, please remember to notify the reference writer that they are no longer asked to write on your behalf. The system will not send this email notification on its own; your action of notifying a deleted reference writer is required.

*List names and organizational affiliations of individuals submitting Letters of Reference. At least three references are required in order to submit your application, however you may wish to provide four or more names to ensure application completion. Note: There is a Manage References feature within the GRFP Application Module where you will be able to add, delete, and edit your references after application submission. If you have questions regarding the references requirements, please refer to the GRFP FAQs link found on your applicant home page in the Quick Links.

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Last Name	First Name	MI	Organization	Email Address	Status	Action
test	test		test	awodey@cmu.edu	Unsubmitted	Send Email Edit Delete

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Add Reference

*First Name:

*Last Name:

Middle Initial:

*Organization:

*Email Address:

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Essay Upload and Format Instructions

Prior to uploading, please check the [Essay preparation and format checklist](#) (a new browser window will open) to ensure that your essay complies with format and preparation requirements. Failure to comply with the requirements may result in your application being ineligible for review.

To upload the essay, supported word-processors can be found in [Supported File Formats](#) (a new browser window will open). Use the 'Upload' button below to upload your file. For additional instructions, please see the [File Uploading Instructions](#) (a new browser window will open). If you continue to experience problems, please contact the [NSF Help Desk](#) (a new browser window will open).

Personal Statement Essay

NSF Fellows are expected to become knowledge experts and leaders who can contribute significantly to research, education, and innovations in science and engineering. The purpose of this essay is to demonstrate your potential to satisfy this requirement. Your ideas and examples do not have to be confined necessarily to the discipline that you have chosen to pursue.

Describe any personal, professional, or educational experiences or situations that have prepared you or contributed to your desire to pursue advanced study in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. Describe your competencies and evidence of leadership potential. Discuss your career aspirations and how the NSF fellowship will enable you to achieve your goals.

You **MUST** provide specific details in this essay that address **BOTH** the NSF Merit Review Criteria of Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts in order for your application to be competitive. Please refer to the Program Announcement for further information on the NSF Merit Review Criteria.

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Previous Research Essay

Describe any scientific research activities in which you have participated, such as experience in undergraduate research programs, or research experience gained through summer or part-time employment or in work-study programs, or other research activities, either academic or job-related. Explain the purpose of the research and your specific role in the research, including the extent to which you worked independently and/or as part of a team, and what you learned from your research. In your statement, distinguish between undergraduate and graduate research experience.

If you have no direct research experience, describe any activities that you believe have prepared you to undertake research. At the end of your statement, list any publications and/or presentations made at national and/or regional professional meetings.

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PROPOSED PLAN OF RESEARCH

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Proposed Research Essay

In a clear, concise, and original statement, present a complete plan for a research project that you may pursue while on fellowship tenure and how you became interested in the topic. Your statement should demonstrate your understanding of research design and methodology and explain the relationship to your previous research, if any. You **MUST** provide specific details in this essay that address **BOTH** the NSF Merit Review Criteria of Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts in order for your application to be competitive. Please refer to the Program Announcement for further information on the NSF Merit Review Criteria.

Format: Include the title, key words, hypothesis, research plan (strategy, methodology, and controls), anticipated results or findings, literature citations, and a statement attesting to the originality of the research proposal. If you have not formulated a research plan, your statement should include a description of a topic that interests you and how you would propose to conduct research on that topic.

Research topics discussed in your proposed plan will be used to determine eligibility. Refer to the Field of Study eligibility criterion in the program announcement.

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Completed Study

*Mark the choice that most appropriately describes your stage of graduate study. All of your graduate study must be counted, except graduate-level courses taken as an undergraduate or courses currently in progress (i.e., Fall 2007 Term). All courses completed as of August 31, 2008 should be counted.

- Baccalaureate degree in progress or completed with no graduate study. I am in my final year as an undergraduate and will have completed my baccalaureate degree by Fall 2008, or I have my baccalaureate degree and have never been enrolled in a graduate program.
- Graduate study begun in Fall Term 2007. I completed my baccalaureate degree and began graduate study in the Fall Term 2007, or I am in the final year of a joint baccalaureate-master's degree program.
- No more than 12 months of completed graduate study. I have completed some graduate study but no more than 12 months (Fall Term 2006 or later start date), or I completed a joint baccalaureate-master's degree program by Fall Term 2007 with no further graduate study.
- More than 12 months of completed graduate study. I began graduate study prior to Fall Term 2006, but I would like to be considered eligible for the GRF based on extenuating circumstances. (You must complete the Description of Extenuating Circumstances essay.)

Eligibility Essay (for those having completed greater than 12 months of graduate study)

In some cases, applicants may be considered eligible based on extenuating circumstances, such as a significant change of field (including change from a professional to a research-oriented graduate program), interruption in graduate study for financial reasons, or career interruption due to family or medical reasons. The interruption must be for a period of more than two years prior to November 2007. If you have selected "more than 12 months of completed graduate study" in the completed study section, you must explain in a detailed essay the circumstances that you wish to have considered for eligibility determination. All factors that you wish to have considered (e.g., significant change of field, interruption of studies for medical reasons, etc.) must be discussed here. Failure to supply detailed information could result in a determination of ineligibility. The essay should be written in 12 point Times New Roman font and is limited to one page in length (8.5" x 11", 1 inch margins) but may be single-spaced.

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[Click Here to submit an essay for this question.](#)

Additional Program Information

Do you wish your name to be published on the Honorable Mention List, posted at <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/>?

Yes No

Do you wish your e-mail address to be published on the Awards List or Honorable Mention List, posted at <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/>?

Yes No

Please indicate how you learned about the NSF Graduate Research Fellowships (check all that apply)

- Poster
- Faculty Member
- Friend/Other Student
- College/University Office
- Internet Website
- Conference/Workshop
- Other

Specify:

Specify:

If you applied for any other fellowships this year, please select them from the following list. If a particular fellowship is not in the list, select 'Other (please specify)' and specify the other fellowships in the box provided.

Hold down the Ctrl key to select multiple entries

- Bell Labs Graduate Fellowship
- Dept of Homeland Security
- DofEnergy
- EPA Star Fellowship
- Ford Foundation Fellowship
- Hertz Fellowship
- Jacob Javits Fellowship
- LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate

Other Fellowships:
(Must be less than 255 characters.)

Save and Continue

Cancel

E-Signature Instructions [View](#)

You must read and agree to all the terms and conditions in the below information before your application can be submitted.

Certifications Page

There are three certifications which must by law be made before the National Science Foundation can authorize funds for a fellowship award. These concern 1) controlled substances; 2) delinquency on Federal debt; and 3) debarment and suspension.

Certifications

I certify that:

1. I will not engage in unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance in the conduct of any activity with this fellowship award;

2. I am not delinquent on repayment of any Federal debt, and

3. To the best of my knowledge and belief:

(a) I am not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) I have not within a three-year period preceding my application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against me for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) I am not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (3) (b) of this certification; and

(d) I have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

By electronically signing the request, I am certifying that (a) the statements made herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and (b) the essays and proposed research contained in this application are my own original work; and agreeing to accept the obligation to comply with NSF award terms and conditions if the request is granted. Willful provision of false information in this request and its supporting documents or in reports required under an ensuing award is a criminal offense (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001).

Electronically signed by: Amy Test
Date e-Signed: 07/14/2008

Sign and Submit Application

Cancel