

Applicant module

ACCOUNT CREATION

Account creation

First name _____

Middle name _____

☐ No middle name

Last name _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

NSF requests date of birth for the purpose of obtaining educational data from the National Student Clearinghouse and contacting applicants in the future to participate in program evaluations or research studies.

E-mail address

Password

Confirm password

Password length must be between 8 and 20 characters. The password must meet the following requirements:

At least one lowercase letter

At least one capital letter

At least one number

At least one of the following special characters: #, &, %, !, @, (,)

Eligibility Requirements

[To be adapted for other programs. REU and IRES shown as example]

REU participants must be:

- Citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States, AND
- Undergraduate students or high school graduates who have been accepted at an undergraduate institution but who have not yet started their undergraduate study, OR
- K–12 teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

IRES participants must be:

- Citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the United States, AND
- Undergraduate or graduate students, OR
- K–12 teachers of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

By applying through this system, you hereby certify that you meet all eligibility requirements for the program you are applying to.

☐ I acknowledge the eligibility requirements.

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Suzanne Plimpton
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National Science Foundation
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REGISTRATION

PROFILE

Personal Information

(Pre-filled with information from account creation, where applicable)

First name _____

Middle name _____

☐

No middle name

Last name _____

Preferred name _____

Preferred pronouns

[drop down:

No selection
He/him/his
She/her/hers
They/them/their
Ze/hir/hirs
Ze/zir/zirs]

Suffix

Previous last name

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Contact Information

Primary email address

Alternate email address

Please provide another email address. At least one should be a personal address, not associated with school or work, that you are likely to retain in the future.

Cell phone number

Please provide a current mobile phone number where you can be reached in case we need to contact you regarding your application.

☒ Okay to send texts to this number (message and data rates may apply)

Current Mailing Address

Country

Street address 1

Street address 2

City

State

Zip code

Permanent Mailing Address

☐ Same as mailing address

Country

Street address 1

Street address 2

City

State

Zip code

Email Address

Please enter the email address of a resident of this address.

Permanent phone number

Other Contact Information

Please provide links to any of the following social media you have. We will only use your social media to follow up with you in the future.

Facebook _____

LinkedIn _____

Twitter _____

Data Sharing Preferences

☐ Check the box if you would like to be considered for admission at similar NSF-funded opportunities for which you have not applied. You can change your preference at any time.

Current status

What best describes your current status?

- ☐ High school student
- ☐ Undergraduate student
- ☐ Graduate student
- ☐ Postdoctoral fellow
- ☐ Teacher, pre-service (studying to become a teacher)
- ☐ Teacher, K-12 (precollege)
- ☐ Teacher/professor, 2-year college (postsecondary)
- ☐ Teacher/professor, 4-year college (postsecondary)
- ☐ Other (specify)

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Demographic Information



NSF seeks to increase participation in its activities among groups that are under-represented in science and engineering, such as women, minorities, people with disabilities, veterans, and others.



Help NSF measure progress in achieving this goal by providing the demographic information requested below. *Collection of this information is authorized by the NSF Act of 1950, as amended.*



Providing demographic information is voluntary and is not a precondition of award. On grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin or disability, no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from NSF.

Please provide the following information about yourself:

Race

Select one or more

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ I do not wish to provide this information

Ethnicity

Please select one of the following

- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ I do not wish to provide this information

Sex and Gender

Sex you were assigned at birth on your original birth certificate

Please select one of the following

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ I do not wish to provide this information

Gender you identify with

Please select one of the following

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other, specify _____
- ☐ I do not wish to provide this information

Veteran Status

A veteran is a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable (Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations)

Please select one of the following

- ☐ Veteran
- ☐ Not veteran
- ☐ I do not wish to provide this information

What is the usual degree of difficulty you have with...

This question is designed to help us better understand the career paths of individuals with specific functional limitations.

	None	Slight	Moderate	Severe	Unable to do
a. SEEING words or letters in ordinary newsprint (with glasses/contact lenses, if you usually wear them)?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	None	Slight	Moderate	Severe	Unable to do
b. HEARING what is normally said in conversation with another person (with hearing aid, if you usually wear one)?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
c. WALKING or using stairs without human or mechanical assistance?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
d. LIFTING or carrying something as heavy as 10 pounds, such as a bag of groceries?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
e. CONCENTRATING, REMEMBERING, or MAKING DECISIONS because of a physical, mental, or emotional condition?	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

☐ I do not wish to provide this information

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent or Guardian 1

Please select one of the following

- ☐ Male parent or guardian
- ☐ Female parent or guardian
- ☐ Not applicable

What is the highest level of education completed by this parent or guardian?

[Dropdown:

- Less than high school completed
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Some college, vocational, or trade school (including 2-year degrees)
- Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- Master's degree (e.g., MS, MA, MBA)
- Professional degree (e.g., JD, LLB, MD, DDS, DVM)
- Doctorate (e.g., PhD, DSc, EdD)
- I do not know
- I do not wish to provide this information]

Which of the following best describes this parent's or guardian's occupation?

[Dropdown:

- Biological/Life Scientists
- Clerical/Administrative Support Occupations
- Clergy/Other Religious Workers
- Computer Occupations
- Consultants
- Counselors
- Engineers/Architects
- Engineering Technologists/Technicians/Surveyors
- Farmers/Foresters/Fisherman
- Health Occupations
- Lawyers/Judges
- Librarians/Archivists/Curators
- Managers and Supervisors, First-Line
- Managers, Top-level Executives/Administrators
- Managers, Other

Management-Related Occupations

Mathematical Scientists

Physical Scientists

Research Associates/Assistants

Sales/Marketing Occupations

Service Occupations, Except Health

Social Scientists

Social Workers

Teachers – Precollege

Teachers/Professors – Postsecondary

Teachers – Other

Writers/Editors/Public Relations Specialists/Artists/Entertainers/Broadcasters

Other

I do not know

I do not wish to provide this information]

Parent or Guardian 2

Please select one of the following

- ☐ Male parent or guardian
- ☐ Female parent or guardian
- ☐ Not applicable

What is the highest level of education completed by this parent or guardian?

[Dropdown]

Which of the following best describes this parent's or guardian's occupation?

[Dropdown]

EDUCATION

High school

If you attended more than one high school, indicate the most recent high school.

Find school (lookup)

- ☐ Homeschooled
- ☐ I don't see my school in the list
(if clicked "I don't see my school in the list")

Name

City

zipcode

State

Country

Postsecondary Degrees

List all prior postsecondary degrees you have obtained.

College or university name

[IPEDS lookup list] _____

Degree type

[NCSES drop-down menu]

Degree completion date

[mm/yyyy]

Primary field of study

[NCSES drop-down menu]

If you cannot find your primary field of study or you selected Primary, Other (for example, Chemistry, Other), please enter a description below.

Other field, specify

Test Scores

Please indicate all test scores you would like to report. Graduate students are encouraged to provide at a minimum GRE scores, if available. If you did not take one or more of these tests, leave the field(s) blank.

SAT

Combined score: _____

Reading and Writing: _____

Math: _____

Essay: _____

☐ SAT before March 2016

Check the box if you took the SAT before March 2016 and enter your reading score under "Reading and Writing" and enter your writing score under "Essay."

ACT

Combined score: _____

GRE General Test scores

Verbal Reasoning: _____

Quantitative Reasoning: _____

Analytical Writing: _____

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

Current Enrollment Information

College or University

The institution at which you are currently enrolled for most of your courses.

Name

[IPEDS lookup list] _____

- ☐ I cannot find my institution on the list
- ☐ I am not currently enrolled at a college or university

Enrollment Status at This College/University

Please select one of the following

- ☐ Full-time
- ☐ Part-time
- ☐ I am not currently enrolled

Degree Program at This College/University

Please select one of the following

- ☐ No specific degree
- ☐ Associate's degree (e.g., AA, AS)

- ☐ Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- ☐ Master's degree (e.g., MS, MA, MBA)
- ☐ Doctorate (e.g., PhD, DSc, EdD)
- ☐ Other professional degree (e.g., JD, LLB, MD, DDS, DVM)
- ☐ I am not currently enrolled
- ☐ Other degree, specify _____

Fields of Study at this College/University

Major or primary field of study

Please select one of the following
(Please select)

And then select one of the following
(Please select)

Second Major (if applicable)

Please select one of the following
(Please select)

And then select one of the following
(Please select)

Minor (if applicable)

Please select one of the following
(Please select)

And then select one of the following
(Please select)

[If degree is associate's] Expected Date of Associate's Degree Completion

Completion date (mm/dd/yyyy)

☐ I do not intend to complete an associate's degree

[If degree is bachelor's] Expected Date of Bachelor's Degree Completion

If you are enrolled in a 4-year institution, or you are enrolled in community college and plan to transfer to a 4-year institution, please enter the date that you expect to graduate from the 4-year institution with a bachelor's degree.

Completion date (mm/dd/yyyy)

☐ I do not intend to complete a bachelor's degree

[If degree is master's or doctorate or other professional or other] Expected Date of Degree Completion

Completion date (mm/dd/yyyy)

☐ I do not intend to complete this degree

[If degree is associate's or bachelor's] Expected Class Standing at the Beginning of the Fall [year] Term

Please select one of the following

- ☐ Incoming freshman (high school applicant)
- ☐ Freshman
- ☐ Sophomore
- ☐ Junior
- ☐ Senior
- ☐ 4th year of a 5-year program
- ☐ Other, please explain:

[If degree is master's or doctorate or other professional] Expected Class Standing at the Beginning of the Fall [year] Term

- ☐ First year
- ☐ Second year
- ☐ Third year or later
- ☐ Other, please explain:

[If degree is doctorate] I am/have

Select all that apply

- ☐ Taking coursework
- ☐ Completed all coursework
- ☐ Passed my qualifying exam
- ☐ Defended my dissertation proposal
- ☐ Completed my dissertation

How are you financing your degree(s)?

When answering this question, please consider the financing for the cost of tuition, room and board, fees, books and supplies. Mark one response per row.

- ☐ Not applicable: I am not enrolled in a college or university
- ☐ I do not wish to provide this information

	YES	NO
Financial assistance from parents, spouse, other relatives, not to be repaid	☐	☐
Financial assistance from your employer	☐	☐
Financial assistance from the Veterans Educational Assistance Act (i.e., the G.I. Bill)	☐	☐
Loans from parents or other relatives, to be repaid	☐	☐
Loans from the school you attended, banks, federal or state government	☐	☐
Tuition waivers, fellowships, grants, scholarships	☐	☐
Assistantships or work study	☐	☐
Earnings from employment	☐	☐
Personal savings	☐	☐
Other (Specify) _____ (text field)	☐	☐

Credits

Total number of credits you expect to have completed by the beginning of fall [Year]

Total number of credits required to graduate

☐ Not applicable

College GPA

What is your current overall college GPA?

☐ Not applicable: I am not enrolled in an undergraduate program or my school uses a non-numeric evaluation system.

What is your college's GPA scale?

- ☐ 4.0
- ☐ 5.0
- ☐ Other, please specify

EXPERIENCE

Prior Research Experience

Have you participated in a research experience before?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I do not know

[If yes, ask additional questions regarding experiences]

Were any of these prior research experiences funded by NSF?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I do not know

If yes, please indicate the NSF program(s) in which you participated.

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)
- ☐ International Research Experiences Students (IRES)
- ☐ Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)
- ☐ Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP)
- ☐ Research Experiences Teachers (RET)
- ☐ Other, specify

Were any of these prior research experiences outside of the United States?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

List all your prior research experiences. Indicate Site or project name, institution, location, year of participation, and topic.

Characters remaining: 5000

Work Experience

Complete this section only if you are working as a teacher/professor.

School or college you are currently employed

Find K-12 school: [lookup](#)

Find college or university: lookup

☐ *I don't see my school in the list*

(if clicked "I don't see my school in the list")

School Name

District name

City

State

Teaching level

Select all that apply

☐ elementary

☐ middle school

☐ high school

☐ postsecondary

Grade(s) teaching: _____

Subject(s) teaching: _____

Will you be continuing to teach at this institution in the coming year?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ I don't know

Years of teaching experience: ____

Teaching certifications

Subject(s) certified to teach (in your state) _____

PROGRAM AWARENESS

How did you hear about the NSF program(s) you are applying to?

Select all that apply

☐ Professor

☐ Family or friend

☐ Career fair

☐ College or university website

☐ This website or other NSF website

☐ A Site or project-specific website

☐ Other, specify

☐ I do not wish to provide this information

OPPORTUNITY SELECTION

Selection

Opportunities accepting applications through this system are listed below. If you want to apply to an opportunity that is not listed here, you will need to apply directly to that opportunity, following its application procedures.

To identify and select an opportunity:

Use the listing filters to help find a desired opportunity.

Click on the arrow to the left of the opportunity to expand its listing.

In the expanded listing view, click "Save."

Your selected opportunity will appear in the Saved tab. To remove a selected opportunity, click "Remove" in the expanded listing view.

Applications must be submitted before midnight Eastern Time on the last day of the application period for the opportunity.

[Select opportunity]

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Application Materials

Personal Statement

Please describe your academic and career goals and how this opportunity will help you achieve these goals.

Characters remaining: 5000

Supporting Documents

Please upload a transcript and a curriculum vitae (CV) or resume as PDF files.

Uploaded files must be less than 5MB. If your file is larger than 5MB, please compress it to meet the file size requirements. Please be sure your file does not use password protection or other security features.

Transcript

Please upload an official or unofficial transcript for the institution where you are currently enrolled. If you recently enrolled and do not yet have a transcript, please upload a class schedule or enrollment verification form.

CV or Resume

Please be sure your file does not use password protection or other security features.

Additional Questions

Some opportunities to which you are applying request additional information.

Opportunity 1

- a. Additional Materials (Link to PDF provided by PI)
- b. Additional Questions (Displays questions added by PI)

Opportunity 2

- a. Additional Materials (Link to PDF provided by PI)
- b. Additional Questions (Displays questions added by PI)

Opportunity 3

- a. Additional Materials (Link to PDF provided by PI)
- b. Additional Questions (Displays questions added by PI)

(...)

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

References

To submit your application, you must provide complete contact information individuals who will provide letters of reference. Your letters of reference are due by the last day of your selected opportunities' application period.

To request a letter of reference:

1. Enter contact information below for two individuals who will provide letters of reference for you. Click the "Save" button once you have completed all fields for an individual.
2. Click the "Send Email" button. The system will send an email to your referee requesting that they fill out short reference form online. We strongly encourage you to alert the individuals that they will receive an email from noreply@[website domain] asking them to fill out a reference form and provide the deadline.

To send a referee a reminder email: You may send each individual referee a reminder email by clicking the "Send Email" button. The system will disable the button if a referee has been emailed within the previous 24 hours.

To select a new referee after sending an initial invitation:

1. If a reference form has not been submitted, you may select a new referee. To do so, click the "Delete Reference" button. When you delete a referee, their online reference form will be disabled and they will receive an email notifying them you have withdrawn your request for a letter of reference.
2. Repeat the steps outlined in "To request a letter of reference."

Reference 1

First name _____

Last name _____

Position _____

Institution _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Reference 2

First name _____

Last name _____

Position _____

Institution _____

Phone _____

Email _____

CERTIFY & SUBMIT PAGE

Certify & Submit

Please review your information before submitting it. You will **not** be able to make changes to your information, including your personal statement and transcripts after you submit your application to at least one Site/project. By clicking on the SUBMIT button below, I am certifying that the information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I am consenting to the confidential use of the information I provided for admissions decisions, audits, and research and evaluation purposes. All applicants will be afforded an equal opportunity for consideration.