

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

APPLICATION FORMS

For Academic Year 2001-2002

The National Science Foundation (NSF) aims to ensure the vitality of the human resource base of science, mathematics, and engineering in the United States and to reinforce its diversity. To that end in March 2001, the NSF will award approximately 900 new three-year Graduate Research Fellowships. Continuing a long history of success, NSF Fellows are expected to contribute significantly to research, teaching, and industrial applications in science, mathematics, and engineering.

The information requested on the application materials is solicited pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended. All of the information you supply will be used to determine eligibility, to correlate application materials, to assist reviewers in evaluating qualifications of applicants, to select NSF Fellows and to administer the NSF fellowships. This information will not be disclosed for any other purpose, except as part of statistical reports in a form which would not allow identification of individual applicants. Failure to provide full and complete information necessary for eligibility determination or for evaluation of qualifications may reduce the possibility of your receiving a fellowship award. For more information, see the section on Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements in the *Guidelines for Submission of Applications*, which can be downloaded at <http://www.nsf.gov/grfp>.

DEADLINES:

Application Materials

With Internet access and a supported World Wide Web browser, an applicant can submit an application electronically using NSF's FastLane Graduate Research Fellowship Program process at: <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov>. All applicants are expected to use this secure process. Individuals who do not have access to the Internet and NSF's FastLane system may apply using the forms listed below.

A complete application consists of all the materials listed below, including Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General and Subject Tests scores. An incomplete application is at a disadvantage in the competition and may not be evaluated. Applications are not accepted via fax or electronic mail.

- November 7, 2000 – Postmark or Submission Deadline
 - Inventory List (for postal submissions only)
 - Information Form
 - Application Form
 - Proposed Plan of Research Form
 - Previous Research Experience Form

The application materials listed above must be submitted electronically, postmarked, or delivered in person to Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) by November 7, 2000. Applications postmarked or submitted later than November 7, 2000 will not be considered for review.

- November 7, 2000 – Submission Date
 - Undergraduate GPA Form
 - Official Academic Transcripts (excluding fall 2000)
- December 7, 2000 – Submission Date
 - Reference Report Forms (four are expected)

Requests for Reactivation of Official Academic Transcripts

To request reactivation of Official Academic Transcripts from the 2000 fellowship competition, include a written request on a separate sheet of paper with the application materials or send an e-mail to nsfgrfp@orau.gov by November 7, 2000.

- November 7, 2000 – Submission date for requests for reactivation of Official Academic Transcripts.

Graduate Record Examinations

- November 3, 2000 - Receipt date for GRE Registration Forms at the Educational Testing Service (ETS) for NSF applicants for the December 9, 2000 Subject Test.
- December 9, 2000 - Last date for GRE Subject Test for NSF applicants.
- December 30, 2000 - Last date for GRE General Test for NSF applicants.

HOW TO REACH OAK RIDGE ASSOCIATED UNIVERSITIES:

Oak Ridge Associated Universities is a non-profit consortium that assists the NSF in the administration of the distribution, processing and review of fellowship applications. Contact ORAU at nsfgrfp@orau.gov with any questions.

Mailing

address: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
Oak Ridge Associated Universities
P.O. Box 3010
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831-3010

Delivery

address: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
Oak Ridge Associated Universities
702 South Illinois Avenue, Suite B-102
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Telephone: (865) 241-4300

Fax: (865) 241-4513

E-mail: nsfgrfp@orau.gov

ELIGIBILITY: Before completing any application materials, read the *Guidelines for Submission of Applications* carefully to determine your eligibility to apply for an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to ORAU.

INFORMATION FORM

Deadline for filing: November 7, 2000

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READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM. PLEASE TYPE.

Name: _____
last first middle Jr,II,etc

1. Social Security Number: _____ - - 2. Former Last Name: _____

3. Permanent Address: Check if _____ U.S. address or _____ international address

_____ street apt. #
_____ city state or country zip code

4. Mailing Address: Check if _____ U.S. address or _____ international address

_____ street apt. #
_____ city state or country zip code

5a. Telephone Number: _____ 5b. E-Mail Address: _____

6. Date of birth: ____/____/____ Place of birth: _____ state country Gender: _____ male female
(mm/dd/yyyy)

7. Location of high school from which you graduated: Check if _____ U.S. location or _____ international location

_____ city state or country

8. Ethnicity: (Choose one response) _____ Hispanic or Latino _____ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: _____ American Indian or Alaska Native
(Select one or more) _____ Asian
_____ Black or African American
_____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
_____ White

9. Place an "X" on the appropriate line that describes your citizenship status:

_____ Citizen or national of the United States _____ Permanent resident alien of the United States

Date permanent resident alien status was granted: ____/____/____ Alien registration number: _____
(mm/yyyy)

Country of citizenship (if not U.S.): _____

10. Do you have a disability, such as a visual impairment, hearing impairment, or motor impairment, that limits a major life activity?

_____ yes _____ no If yes, please specify: _____

11. Do you wish your name to be published on the Honorable Mention List? _____ yes _____ no

12. Do you wish your mailing address to be published on the Awards List or Honorable Mention List? _____ yes _____ no

13. Your answer to the following question is for administrative use. In the future NSF intends to require submission of applications using FastLane, NSF's Internet/Web based system for electronic applications. Please indicate the extent to which this would have been a problem for you if the requirement had been in force this year:

_____ No problem
_____ A minor inconvenience
_____ A serious problem (please explain) _____

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1. Proposed major field of specialization: _____

2. Specialized field(s) within major field: _____
code number specialized field name

3. Is your graduate program multidisciplinary? _____ yes _____ no

If yes:

Primary field: _____ % of program

Other field(s): _____ %; _____ %; _____ %

4. What is the highest level degree toward which you expect to work while on your fellowship tenure?
_____ in _____
degree field

5. Proposed Graduate Institution: _____ Department: _____

Location of institution: _____
city state or country

6. Baccalaureate institution: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____
(yyyy)

Location of institution: _____
city state or country

7. Colleges or universities attended and their location: (current or most recent enrollment first)	Dates attended		Degree(s) awarded/ expected	Date(s) of degree (mm/yyyy)	Major Field
	from (mm/yyyy)	to (mm/yyyy)			
_____	/	/	_____	/	_____
_____	/	/	_____	/	_____
_____	/	/	_____	/	_____
_____	/	/	_____	/	_____
_____	/	/	_____	/	_____
_____	/	/	_____	/	_____
_____	/	/	_____	/	_____

8. Are you currently enrolled in an educational institution? _____ yes _____ no

If yes: _____ Full time _____ Part time

If yes: _____ Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____ Unclassified postbaccalaureate

If yes, current institution: _____

Location of institution: _____
city state or country

If no, state your present occupation: _____

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9. Are you in a five-year joint baccalaureate-master's degree program? _____yes _____no

Are you in a four-year joint baccalaureate-master's degree program? _____yes _____no

10. Have you completed any graduate study in science, mathematics, or engineering since receipt of your bachelor's degree?
_____yes _____no

If yes:

Institution	Department	Dates Attended		Graduate Hrs. Earned	
		from (mm/yyyy)	to (mm/yyyy)	Sem.	Qtr.
_____	_____	/	/	_____	_____
_____	_____	/	/	_____	_____
_____	_____	/	/	_____	_____

11. Have you taken or do you plan to take the GRE General Test? ___yes ___no Date: ___/___
(mm/yyyy)

Have you taken or do you plan to take a GRE Subject Test? ___yes ___no Date: ___/___ Field: _____
(mm/yyyy)

12. Names and institutional or organizational affiliations of four individuals submitting Reference Report Forms:

Last Name	First Name	MI	Institution/Organization
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

13. What is your native language? _____

14. List all fellowships, scholarships, teaching, and employment relevant to your field held since entering college/university:

Title/Position (most recent first)	Institution/Organization	Start Date (mm/yyyy)
_____	_____	/
_____	_____	/
_____	_____	/
_____	_____	/
_____	_____	/

15. Academic Honors: _____

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PLEASE TYPE.

Name of Applicant: _____
last first middle Jr, II, etc

Name of Reference: _____
last first MI

d. OVERALL RECOMMENDATION:

Please indicate the strength of your overall endorsement of this applicant for an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship by placing an "X" on one of the lines.

Truly Exceptional (Top 1%)	Excellent (Top 5%)	Very Good (Top 10%)	Good (Top 25%)	Average (Top 50%)	Below Average (Lower 50%)
1	2	3	4	5	6

e. Comment specifically on the applicant's strengths and limitations for graduate study and the broader impacts of supporting this applicant's graduate study. Descriptions of significant accomplishments and qualities related to NSF's two merit review criteria are particularly helpful. Your written comments should support your assessments given above. Attach additional pages if necessary.

IMPORTANT - CONFIDENTIALITY: NSF will protect your comments and your identity as a reference from public disclosure to the maximum extent possible. However, if the applicant requests records on his or her application under the Privacy Act of 1974, we may be required to release to the applicant a copy of your comments.

If you mark "A" below, the Foundation will hold your identity and your identifying information contained in your comments in confidence. If you do not request confidentiality by marking "A", NSF may also be required to disclose to the applicant your identity.

You must place an "X" beside one of the following two statements:

- _____ A. My preparation of this Reference Report Form is conditioned on the promise of the Foundation to hold my identity in confidence.
- _____ B. My preparation of this Reference Report Form is *not* conditioned on the promise of the Foundation to hold my identity in confidence.

Mailing address:
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
Oak Ridge Associated Universities
P.O. Box 3010
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831-3010

Special messenger, courier, or overnight delivery address:
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, ORAU
702 S. Illinois Avenue, Suite B-102
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830
Telephone: (865) 241-4300

GRE INFORMATION FOR 2001 NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

All NSF Graduate Research Fellowship applicants are expected to take the General Test. In addition, all applicants should take the Subject Test in the science or engineering field most closely related to their chosen area of graduate study. However, if there is not a Subject Test related to the chosen area of graduate study, an applicant may take a Subject Test in the field of his or her undergraduate major. If no Subject Test score will be submitted, the applicant should write a letter of justification which will be placed in the applicant's file. This letter should be on a separate sheet of paper and submitted with the *Application Form*.

If you have taken the tests on or after October 1, 1995, you need not take them again unless you so desire. Under GRE policy, all General and Subject Tests scores in the GRE database from tests administered since October 1, 1995 will be reported to Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) for use in the review of your 2001 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship application. If you have not taken the tests since October 1, 1995, or wish to take them again, you should make arrangements to take the Subject Test no later than December 9, 2000 and the General Test no later than December 30, 2000. Scores from tests taken later than December 30, 2000 will not be accepted for review panels.

How to Obtain GRE Information Bulletins and Test Registration Forms: You are responsible for obtaining your own GRE Information Bulletin and Registration Form either on your campus, or directly from the Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6000, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6000, telephone (609) 771-7670, fax (609) 771-7906 or Internet <http://www.gre.org>. Complete test registration instructions are given in the GRE Information Bulletin.

Reporting of GRE Scores: Applicants need not request score reports from ETS. All Graduate Research Fellowship applicant General and Subject Tests scores from tests administered between October 1, 1995 and December 30, 2000 in the GRE database will be reported directly to ORAU, provided that the applicant has given the same name, date of birth, and Social Security number on the fellowship *Information Form* as on the GRE Registration Form. In cases where an applicant for an NSF Fellowship has registered for the GRE using a different name, date of birth, or Social Security number, the applicant should notify ORAU in writing at the time of submission of the application. See the GRE Information Bulletin for further information on reportable scores from tests held prior to October 1, 1995.

Payment of Subject Test Fee: NSF will pay Subject Test registration fees for applicants who register for the December 9, 2000 administration provided that (1) NSF Fellowship application is the primary purpose, and (2) the GRE Registration Form for the December test has been received at ETS no later than November 3, 2000. The registration form and *GRE Applicant Form* must be submitted via postal mail. NSF fee sponsorship cannot be requested using electronic registration.

The following condition is imposed on the reporting of December 9, 2000 GRE Subject Test scores when the test fee is paid by NSF: Prior to May 1, 2001 these scores will be reported only to Oak Ridge Associated Universities for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, to the fellowship applicant, and to the applicant's undergraduate institution. Exception: If you are an applicant in the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program and an applicant in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Predoctoral Fellowship Program, your GRE Subject Test score will be reported to both programs and the test fee shared by the National Science Foundation and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. If you want to have your NSF-funded GRE scores reported elsewhere (e.g., graduate institutions and other fellowship programs) before May 1, 2001, you must make arrangements with ETS to pay the registration and additional score reporting fees.

NSF GRE Applicant Form: This form is provided with the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Application Forms, and is to be used only when registering for the December 9, 2000 Paper-Based GRE Subject Test and requesting NSF payment of the test fee. Enclose the form with your GRE Registration Form in the return envelope provided in the GRE Information Bulletin. Print the letters "NSF" conspicuously in the lower left corner of the front of your GRE registration envelope. **Do not send the GRE Applicant Form to Oak Ridge Associated Universities.**

