

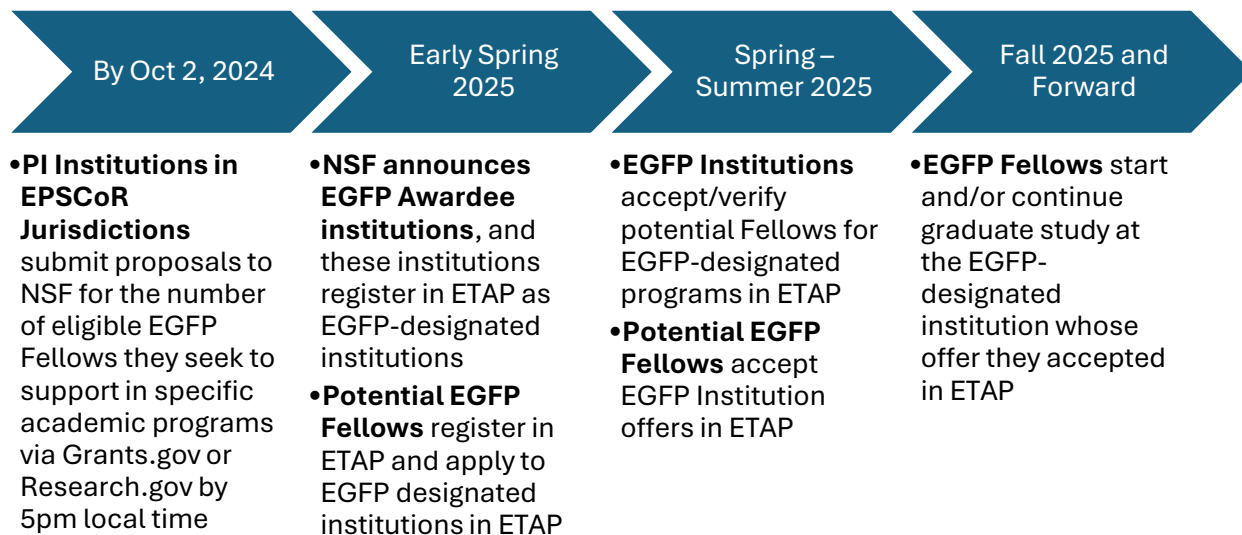


NSF 101: EPSCoR Graduate Fellowship Program (EGFP)

Have you heard of the new [NSF EPSCoR Graduate Fellowship Program \(EGFP\)](#)? EGFP supports institutions in EPSCoR jurisdictions by providing funding for graduate fellowships for new or continuing EGFP-eligible Fellows. Institutions that receive EGFP awards will fund EGFP Fellows via stipend and cost of education allowance.

Each year funding limitations prevent the [NSF's Graduate Research Fellowship Program \(GRFP\)](#) from offering awards to competitive applicants who are then given the distinction of GRFP Honorable Mention (GRFP HM). EGFP seeks to provide an additional opportunity for these highly qualified applicants to receive funding for graduate school while simultaneously supporting graduate education in EPSCoR Jurisdictions. EGFP is supported by each NSF Directorate and the NSF Office of Integrative Activities (OIA). Read the solicitation for details on specific topical areas.

All institutions in EPSCoR jurisdictions that support graduate education may be eligible to participate in the program. The process for Fellows and Institutions looks like:



EGFP specifics for potential **PI institutions**:

- Institutions may have additional academic program-eligibility, admission requirements
- Potential EGFP-eligible Fellows need not have current institution affiliation
- EGFP welcomes proposals that include multiple academic programs and those that exclusively focus on one academic program
- EGFP welcomes proposals that do not include cross program or interdisciplinary themes **and** those with cross program or interdisciplinary themes **and** proposals with both

EGFP Steps for PI Institutions

Step 1: Submit Proposal	Step 2: Register Once Funded	Step 3: Accept Applicants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the program solicitation (NSF 24-588) which includes being in an EPSCoR jurisdiction • Proposals due via Research.gov or Grants.gov by Oct 2nd, 2024, 5 pm local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funded institutions, register in ETAP https://etap.nsf.gov/ • Feel free to contact EGFP (egfp@nsf.gov) with questions associated with declines • EGFP Institutions will be listed in ETAP early Spring 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admit students to funded programs through ETAP • Institutions only receive \$37,000 for stipends and \$16,000 for tuition and fees yearly for 3 funded years (Fellows have 5 years to utilize the funding)

EGFP specifics for **potential EGFP Fellows**:

- Meet Fellow requirements in the solicitation, including GRFP HM designation
- Fellows can be new to or current students at an EGFP-designated institution
- Fellows must meet intuitional degree program requirements
- Fellowships are not transferable to non-funded programs or other institutions

EGFP Steps for Potential Fellows

Step 1: Check Eligibility Now through Spring 2025	Step 2: Register in ETAP Spring 2025	Step 3: Apply to Institutions Spring 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Fellow requirements in the solicitation (NSF 24-588), including GRFP HM designation in 2022, 2023, 2024, or 2025 • Eligibility is not related to current graduate program acceptance, nor enrollment in a graduate degree program, nor years of graduate study nor previously chosen field of study nor current year factor into eligibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register in NSF Education & Training Application (etap.nsf.gov) • <i>Become familiar</i> with EGFP institutions and their available resources • EGFP institution attendance is not required preregistration • EGFP Institutions will be listed in ETAP early Spring 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply to EGFP institutions through ETAP • Applicants must be accepted via ETAP by an EGFP institution and designated program to become a Fellow • Fellows receive \$37,000 for stipend and \$16,000 yearly for tuition and fees (3 funded years and 5 years to utilize the funding)

Read the solicitation ([NSF 24-588](#)) carefully. It is a comprehensive list of instructions that will lay out exactly what you need to do to have a successful application. If you have a question about the application process or the program itself, please email egfp@nsf.gov. If you have ETAP specific questions contact: the NSF ETAP Help Desk, 1-800-232-8024, help@nsfetag.org.