NSF Resources Handout

**Application Deadlines:**
- November 04, 2013: Engineering; Computer and Information Science and Engineering; Materials Research
- November 05, 2013: Mathematical Sciences; Chemistry; Physics and Astronomy
- November 07, 2013: Social Sciences; Psychology; STEM Education and Learning Research
- November 08, 2013: Life Sciences; Geosciences
- November 14, 2013: Reference letter deadline (for all fields)

**UW Resources in MyWebSpace:**
- [https://mywebspace.wisc.edu/mbstone2/NSF%20Applicant%20Resources](https://mywebspace.wisc.edu/mbstone2/NSF%20Applicant%20Resources)
- Examples of successful applications from UW fellows
- List of current fellows on campus who are willing to be contacted as a resource for applicants

**Other Online Resources:**

**From NSF Website:**
- NSF GRFP Website: [http://www.nsfgrfp.org/](http://www.nsfgrfp.org/)
- Applicant Resources: [http://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicant_resources](http://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicant_resources)

**Unofficial Guides:**
- NSF GRFP unofficial guide sheet (tips on preparing NSF essays, scoring criteria, advice for reference letter writers, etc.): [http://www.grad.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/pdfs/walkerrobinnsfguidesheets.pdf](http://www.grad.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/pdfs/walkerrobinnsfguidesheets.pdf)

**From Past Winners**
- Website of Successful 2010 Applicant: [http://www.alexhunterlang.com/nsf-fellowship](http://www.alexhunterlang.com/nsf-fellowship)
- Jennifer Wang (compiled website resources including links to general advice and info, links to advice from past award winners and more sample essays): [http://www.jenniferwang.org/nsf.html](http://www.jenniferwang.org/nsf.html)
- Reid A. Berdanier (a guide to the application process): [http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~rberdani/docs/nsf/NSF-GRFP_ApplicationGuide.pdf](http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~rberdani/docs/nsf/NSF-GRFP_ApplicationGuide.pdf)
- Examples of Successful Applications in Environmental Sciences: [http://rachelcsmith.com/academics/nsf.htm](http://rachelcsmith.com/academics/nsf.htm)

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**Upcoming NSF Workshops**

**NSF Application Broader Impacts Workshop: How to Address the Broader Impact in Your Fellowship Application**

*Thursday, October 10, 10:30am-12:00pm, Ebling Auditorium, Microbial Sciences Building*

At this workshop, you will:
- Discuss strategies for writing a successful broader impact plan for your NSF fellowship proposal
- Hear from fellowship recipients about their proposal strategies
- Learn about resources on campus focused on effective integration of research and education

The National Science Foundation (NSF) employs two criteria in the review of Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) applications, namely intellectual merit and broader impact. Experience shows that while most applicants have little difficulty responding to the criterion relating to intellectual merit, many struggle to frame the broader impacts of the activities they propose to undertake. To address the broader impacts, applications are expected to include ways in which activities and projects will advance discovery and understanding, broaden the participation of underrepresented groups, enhance the infrastructure for research and education, and ultimately benefit society. This workshop is designed to help you address the concept of broader impacts in your fellowship application, and specifically is a time for you to discuss strategies for writing a successful broader impact plan, hear from panelists about successful fellowship proposals, and learn about resources on campus focused on effective integration of research and education.

Presenters: Trina McMahon (Bacteriology and Civil and Environmental Engineering) and Kevin Niemi (Institute for Biology Education), Delta Program

Please register here: [https://uwmadison.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_efW3ifHlqAHwU0](https://uwmadison.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_efW3ifHlqAHwU0)

**Faculty Reviewers Panel**

*Wednesday, October 23rd, 5:00-6:00pm, Biotechnology Center Auditorium*

This panel will feature faculty member who have served as reviewers for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program competition. The faculty will share insights about the review process and tips on how to make your application more successful.

Please register here: [http://grad.wisc.edu/education/gspd/pdevents.html](http://grad.wisc.edu/education/gspd/pdevents.html)

**These And Other Funding / Financial Education Workshops Can Be Found At:**