

2025 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Webinar

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1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

The **NSF GRFP** supports students pursuing full-time, research-based master's and doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) or STEM education. The fellowship provides **three years of support within a five-year period** for individuals who demonstrate strong potential for impactful research in these fields. NSF encourages applications from women, students from groups historically underrepresented in STEM, persons with disabilities, veterans, and undergraduate seniors.

This live webinar with Q&A will give prospective students (undergraduate juniors and seniors; first- or second-year master's and PhD students; prospective graduate research applicants) a clear overview of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP), demystify its competitive application process, and share practical insights into what reviewers and program officers value in successful proposals.

Please [RSVP](#) to receive the Zoom link by **COB November 10, 2025**.

Agenda:

- **1:00 – 1:10 pm** | Welcome & Opening Remarks (*Moderator: Dr. Chang S. Nam*)
- **1:10 – 1:20 pm** | Welcome Address
(*Dr. Valerie L. Giddings, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs*)
- **1:20 – 1:40 pm** | NSF GRFP Overview: Benefits & Eligibility
- **1:40 – 2:00 pm** | Presentations by GRFP Recipients (*see bios below*)
- **2:00 – 2:30 pm** | Audience Q&A
- **2:30 pm** | Closing Remarks

Biography:



Sarah Evans earned her B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2023. She is currently a second-year Ph.D. student in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Duke University and an NSF Graduate Research Fellow. Her research focuses on the fabrication of nanoelectronic devices.



Victoria Ravel is a third-year Ph.D. student in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Duke University and an NSF Graduate Research Fellow. Before joining Duke, she earned her B.S. in Biomedical Engineering, with minors in Electrical and Computer Engineering, from George Washington University. Her research focuses on nanoscale semiconductor device fabrication and characterization, with an emphasis on contact scaling and dual-gate architectures in 2D material field-effect transistors.