The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program Workshop Series

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The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship is a prestigious three-year grant that provides a student with a $34,000/year stipend and a $12,000/year tuition allowance for graduate study. If you are a college senior, a first-year graduate student, or a beginning 2nd year graduate student in disciplines supported by NSF, you should consider applying for the Fellowship.

Eligible disciplines are as follows: Engineering (all subfields); Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering; Materials Research; Mathematical Sciences; Chemistry; Physics and Astronomy; Social Sciences; Psychology; STEM Education and Learning; Life Sciences; and Geosciences.

You MUST be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to be eligible to apply!
Your grade point average should be at least 3.0/4.0 if you plan to apply!

You can find more details in the request for proposals: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2015/nsf15597/nsf15597.htm

Although the application process is involved, there are on-campus experts who will arm you with tools to optimize your chances for success, including:

- Developing a strong proposed research essay
- Optimizing your application for intellectual merit
- Developing an application strong in broader impacts
- Using a high-impact written communication style that will get your application noticed
- Learning tips from faculty who have reviewed fellowship applications

This is the sixth year that the workshop series will be offered—thus far, 24 LSU students who completed these workshops have received NSF Graduate Fellowships.

The workshop series will consist of three sessions:

1. Wednesday, September 16, 4:30 – 6 pm, Room 152 Coates Hall. Topics include information about applying, proposal writing basics, and the “bulleted list” above
2. Thursday, October 8, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, Room 143 Coates Hall. Graduate Research Fellows panel. You will hear from LSU graduate students who have received the NSF Graduate Fellowship. They will tell you about their experiences during the application process, will provide advice, and will answer questions you have.
3. Thursday, October 15, 5:00 – 6:30 pm, Room 143 Coates Hall. Evaluation of your fellowship applications by LSU faculty and your peers. You will bring 3 copies of the draft of your application for critique; you will also critique others’ drafts.

NOTE: You can attend the first or second session only, but you should come to third session only if you attended the first session.

We strongly recommend that you make use of at least one faculty advisor to assist you in critiquing your application.

Contact Marybeth Lima at mlima1@lsu.edu if you have any questions

We hope to see you there!