

STEM FELLOWSHIP SUMMER SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Graduate School, University of Notre Dame

Aug. 3-Aug. 31, 2016

Jordan Hall 105

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Please register for all sessions at: <https://gradconnect.nd.edu/portal/prof-dev-events>

Our summer support program focuses on the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program (**GRFP**)—one of the largest, most lucrative, and most prestigious external multiyear graduate fellowships. Additionally, **students enrolled in our program will be shown how to identify and apply for other multiyear and yearlong opportunities**, and with our assistance, will *complete* an application for the GRFP or other major award.

In 2013-2014, **100% of the eleven** Notre Dame graduate student winners of the GRFP attended the full series of these workshops; in 2014-2015, **100% of the twenty-one Notre Dame grad students who won or received Honorable Mention participated in our events**; in 2015-2016, **100% of the thirty-three NSF-recognized Notre Dame grad students did so with our help**. Our support program attendees have also won major fellowships from a wide range of other agencies, including **the NIH, DoE, DoD, NASA, GEM, Ford, and others**. We expect even better results this year.

These meetings will consist of three-hour workshop & peer review sessions. Students will also have multiple opportunities to meet individually with the Office of Grants & Fellowships.

By the end of the program, students will complete a solid draft of the application materials required for their respective funding applications. These will include a Research Statement and a Personal (Background & Future Goals) Statement. In addition, students will be introduced to a number of sources for identifying other funding opportunities and to general best practices in grant proposal preparation.

Sessions (all Wednesdays):

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| Aug. 3, 1:00-4:00 | Introduction to STEM Fellowships and NSF-GRFP; Letters of Recommendation
<i>Assignment: Research Plan Guide</i> |
| Aug. 10, 1:00-4:00 | Graduate Research Statement
<i>Assignment: 1st draft of Graduate Research Statement</i> |
| Aug. 17, 4:30-7:30 | Personal (Background & Future Goals) Statement
Peer Review: Graduate Research Statement
<i>Assignment: 1st draft of Personal Statement</i> |
| Aug. 24, 4:30-7:30 | Other Application Materials; Essay Revisions
Q&A with NSF faculty reviewers
Peer Review: Personal Statement
<i>Assignment: Revisions</i> |
| Aug. 31, 4:30-7:30 | Adapting Your Application to Other Opportunities
Q&A with Notre Dame NSF-GRFP winners
<i>Assignment: Revisions</i> |