



Graduate Research Fellowship Program

–ensuring the vitality and diversity of the
Nation’s science and engineering workforce

CGS Session on NSF Programs in
Graduate Education



GRFP

- ▶ **Identifies Nation's future STEM leaders**
 - Focuses on the individual
 - Promotes diversity in the STEM workforce
- ▶ **Choice of project, research advisor & program**
- ▶ No service requirement
- ▶ Portability; any accredited US institution
- ▶ MS → PhD
- ▶ **Five Year Award – \$121,500**
- ▶ Three years of support; flexibility in use
- ▶ \$30,000 Stipend; \$10,500 Education allowance



GRFP Policy changes

Solicitation (NSF 10-604)

▶ **Eligibility**

- Eligible degree programs clarified
- Fields of study revised

▶ **Discontinued Fellows Abroad option**

- Accredited US institutions (2011 Fellows forward)
- International travel award discontinued (8/31/2011)
- Broader international program

▶ **Fellowship cannot be accepted or combined with other Federal fellowships**



Policy Updates for Fellows

- ▶ Family leave: paid medical leave option
- ▶ Stipend supplementation
- ▶ Tenure beyond degree completion
- ▶ Fellow Annual Activity Report – role of research/academic advisor





GRFP News

- ▶ GRFP Expense Report available Aug 22
- ▶ Role of Financial Official
- ▶ Program communication with institutions and coordinating officials
- ▶ International program for Fellows (under development)

