29. I am enrolled in a biology program and I am doing biomedical research. Am I eligible?

30. I am enrolled in a bioengineering program and my research will involve applications that aid people with disabilities. Am I eligible?

31. My job required me to take some continuing education credits for a professional credential and these continuing education credits were at the graduate level. Do these count towards the limit of allowed graduate study?

32. Who is NOT eligible to apply to the GRFP?

MERIT REVIEW CRITERIA

33. What are NSF's Merit Review Criteria for the GRFP?

34. What counts as evidence of Intellectual Merit?

35. How should the Broader Impacts criterion be addressed in GRFP?

36. How much weight should I give to each criterion in my statements?

TRANSCRIPTS

37. Are transcripts required?

38. Do the transcripts uploaded with my application need to be official transcripts?

39. My school doesn't provide electronic transcripts. How can I include transcripts in my application?

40. I just started at my current institution this fall and do not have a transcript. What can I do?

41. My school offers official electronic transcripts that require the recipient to login and download the transcript. May I list the GRFP's contact information, and have the GRFP download the transcript and add it to my application?

42. My school's official electronic transcripts are password-protected. Can I still submit them?

43. I am receiving an error when uploading my transcript file.

44. I have attended several schools. Do I need to list all of them and upload all of the transcripts?

APPLICATIION FAQS

45. Are GRE scores required for the GRFP application?

46. Can I include links with supplemental material, such as papers, videos, etc. for reviewers to consider?

47. Can I obtain copies of past successful applications or statements from previously awarded applications?

68. How are notifications sent?

69. I did not receive a notification. What should I do?

70. Can I receive additional feedback beyond the comments I received on my reviews?

71. Can I appeal the results of my application if I was not awarded a Fellowship?

72. Does NSF offer any additional Fellowships after the announcements in early April?

73. Is there a waiting list for GRFP, and if so, how can I be placed on the waiting list?

INFORMATION FOR REFERENCE WRITERS

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the other eligibility requirements.

13. **I applied last year as a first-year graduate student. However, I have changed fields this year and I am in the first year of a different graduate program. Am I eligible to apply this year?**

   No. All graduate students are subject to the one-time-in-graduate-school limit and are not eligible to re-apply, regardless of any field of study or program changes. NSF counts all study in a graduate degree program, regardless of the program or field of study (including outside of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields), toward the eligibility limits on graduate study.

14. **I am a second year graduate student and completed one academic year of a graduate program last year. However, before that I took several additional graduate courses in the summer after my bachelor's degree. Am I still eligible?**

   It depends on whether the graduate courses were taken while enrolled in a graduate degree-granting program. You are eligible if the graduate coursework was taken **without**

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The GRFP Program Solicitation <https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf19590> contains the official guidance regarding eligible fields and programs of study; see Section   .

28. **I am enrolled in a clinical psychology program. Am I eligible?**

If you are in a clinical psychology program, you may be eligible only if: 1) your proposed graduate study is not focused on clinical practice and 2) you are doing basic research on an eligible topic or topics as described in the Program Solicitation. Regarding the eligibility of clinical areas of study, Section IV.3 of the GRFP Program Solicitation <https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf19590>

described in Section VI of the current GRFP Program Solicitation
<https://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf19590> and in the
(PAPPG), Chapter III.A.

34. **What counts as evidence of Intellectual Merit?**

    Reviewers evaluating applications submitted to the Graduate Research Fellowship
    Program may consider the following with respect to the **Intellectual Merit Criterion**:

    a. What is the potential for the proposed activity to:

comprehensive approach, giving balanced consideration to all components of the application, including the educational and research record, leadership, outreach, service activities, and future plans, as well as individual competencies, experiences, and other attributes. The aim is to recruit and retain a diverse cohort of early-career individuals with high potential for future achievements, contributions, and broader impacts in STEM and STEM education.

Applicants must include separate statements on Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts in their written statements in order to provide reviewers with the information necessary to evaluate the application with respect to both Criteria. Applicants should include headings for Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts in their statements.

TRANSCRIPTS

37. **Are transcripts required?**

    Yes. At least one transcript must be uploaded with the application. The GRFP Application Module will not accept an application without a transcript.

38. **Do the transcripts uploaded with my application need to be official transcripts?**

    No. You may upload either official or unofficial transcripts, as long as the unofficial transcript meets the requirements descriT.14844 74·

No. Applicants must upload transcripts directly into the GRFP Application Module. Obtain a copy of your transcript and upload it into the GRFP Application Module. Redact sensitive personally-identifiable information (date of birth, social security number) from the transcripts before uploading.

42. **My school's official electronic transcripts are password-protected. Can I still submit them?**

No. The GRFP Application Module does not accept password-protected or similarly encrypted PDFs. If your school's electronic transcripts are encrypted, either obtain an unencrypted unofficial electronic transcript, or scan a hard copy of your transcript and upload the scan. Redact sensitive personally-identifiable information (date of birth, social security number) from the transcripts before uploading.

43. **I am receiving an error when uploading my transcript file.**

Many universities will place a layer of encryption on official transcript files which can cause issues when uploading to the GRFP Application Module. If you receive an error, please print a copy of the transcript and scan to PDF prior to uploading. Check to make sure that your transcript has been uploaded properly.

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citations in the References Cited section. Images must be included in the page limits. Review of the application and reference letters is based solely on materials received by the application and reference letter deadlines." Reviewers are instructed to evaluate only the evidence provided within the application.

47. **Can I obtain copies of past successful applications or statements from previously awarded applications?**

the email domain used by your reference writer is rejecting the email and not

74. **I am unable to log in using the temporary password I received via email.**

If you have received your temporary password and are unable to log in to the GRFP Reference Writer Module, check the following:

a. **Check your email address**. Check to confirm you are trying to log in using the same email address entered for you by the applicant. The email address provided by the applicant can be found in the body of the email you received with your temporary password. An exact email address is crucial to matching

77. **What are the formatting requirements for the letters of reference?**

The letters must be written using standard 8.5" x 11" page size, 12-point Times New

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