

# The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Seminar and Workshop Series for Incoming Graduate Students

Welcome to the NSF GRFP Seminar and Workshop Series for incoming Graduate Students. The goal is to help walk you through developing a successful proposal to submit in your second year of graduate school. Best practice says that one should start to prepare at least 8 months in advance. The Broader Impacts in Research (BIR) organization in the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) and the Graduate College at the University of Oklahoma would like to equip you with the tools, skills, and insights necessary as early as possible to allow you to be the most competitive for the GRFP.

These sessions for the workshop/seminar series will start in October 2017 and will be provided once a month until May, 2018. Additional sessions may be provided to participants if needed. Most of this series will take place in Robertson Hall at 4pm. [Doodle poll is required to attend and will be provided for each session.](#) **Please sign up by October 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Pen and paper are also required and laptops are highly suggested for each session. See outline of first session and the topics of the following sessions below:

## **INITIAL SESSION:**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>, (1.5 hours)** – Introduction to the NSF GRFP: Location: Robertson Hall: Time: 4-5:30pm

The NSF GRFP is the nation's oldest and most established fellowship program that directly supports graduate students in various Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Since 1952, NSF has provided funding for over 50,000 Graduate Research Fellowships. To date, forty-two Fellows have gone on to become Nobel laureates and more than 450 have become members of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). Applicants who can apply must be a United States (US) citizen, US national, or a permanent US resident by the application deadline. First or second year graduate students can apply. If awarded this fellowship provides \$34,000 dollars per-year for three years and a cost-of-education allowance of \$12,000 dollars to the graduate degree-granting institution for each Fellow who uses the fellowship support in a fellowship year. Find out more about what it takes to submit to the GRFP, who are organizations in the institution you should be contacting, the resources made available here at OU for the GRFP, and beyond to help you to have a successful GRFP submission in this talk, question, and answer session.

## **FOLLOWING SESSIONS:**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, (2.5 hours)** – Intellectual merit and finding your niche in graduate school

**January 12<sup>th</sup>, (2.5 hours)** – Telling a compelling story as a professional

**February 9<sup>th</sup>, (2.5 hours)** – Understanding Broader Impacts and figuring out what to do for the GRFP

**March 9<sup>th</sup>, (2.5 hours)** – Proposal writing 101: In the Writing Center or Robertson Hall, TBD

**April 6<sup>th</sup>, (2 hours)** – GRFP Panel Discussion

**May 4<sup>th</sup>, (3 hours)** – Peer Evaluation of GRFP First Draft

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