FAQ for Current NSF Graduate Research Fellows

Where can I go for more information about the NSF Graduate Research Fellows program?

What is the NSF GRFP grant number for Georgia Tech?
GRF Grant number is DGE-1148903.

Does my fellowship cover health insurance?
NSF does not have an allowance to cover the health insurance of NSF Fellows. If you require the student health insurance charge, once your NSF stipend disburses, it will pay against your balance due. Please note, your NSF fellowship and stipend are set charges and cannot be increased.

The Board of Regent sets up the policy for health insurance. NSF gives $12,000 toward cost of education only. Georgia Tech cannot use this funding for the health insurance of any NSF GRFP recipient. Recipients have to pay for health insurance, or, if they have other health insurance, they can waive it.

For more information, visit http://www.bursar.gatech.edu/content/mandatory-student-insurance.

Am I eligible for a graduate research assistantship if I am an NSF GRFP recipient?
You are not eligible to receive both an NSF fellowship and a GRA.

When should I acknowledge NSF support?
All publications, presentations, and creative works based on activities conducted during the fellowship must acknowledge NSF GRFP support.

How do I acknowledge NSF support?
Include the following text in the acknowledgments:

“This material is based upon work supported by the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship under Grant No. DGE-1148903.”

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Who can I contact at Tech if I have questions?
Email Karen Adams, Tech’s NSF Coordinating Official, at karen.adams@gatech.edu.

What is important about May 1?
This is the date when you are required to file your activity report, signed form from advisor, and declare tenure for coming year on NSF website.

Am I required to take any ethics training as part of my fellowship?
All Ph.D. students admitted fall 2011 or later are required to complete 1) in-person Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training either through Phil 6000 or through an approved departmental RCR course AND 2) online RCR training (http://rcr.gatech.edu/online-training). Tech must certify with NSF that GRF students have completed these requirements. Please complete both the online and in-person training as early in your time at Tech as possible. Questions? Email Jason Borenstein (borenstein@gatech.edu) or Judy Willis (judy.willis@gatech.edu).