The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Fellowship Workshop Series

The NSF Graduate Fellowship (http://www.nsfgrfp.org/) is a prestigious three-year grant that provides a student with $32,000/yr stipend and a $12,000/yr tuition allowance for graduate study. If you are a college senior, a first-year graduate student, or a beginning 2nd-year graduate student in disciplines supported by NSF, you should consider applying for the Fellowship.

These disciplines are as follows: Engineering (all subfields); Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering; Materials Research; Mathematical Sciences; Chemistry; Physics and Astronomy; Social Sciences; Psychology; STEM Education and Learning; Life Sciences; and Geosciences.

Your grade point average should be at least 3.0/4.0 if you plan to apply!

Although the application process is involved, there are on-campus experts who will arm you with tools to optimize your chances for success, including:

- Developing a strong research essay
- Optimizing your application for intellectual merit
- Developing an application strong in broader impacts
- Using a high-impact written communication style that will get your application noticed
- Learning tips from faculty who have reviewed fellowship application

This is the fifth year that the workshop series will be offered—thus far, 17 LSU students who completed these workshops have received NSF Graduate Fellowships.

The workshop series will consist of two sessions:

1. Tuesday, September 16, 4:30 – 6 pm, Room 152 Coates Hall. Topics include information about applying, proposal writing basics, brief overview of the evaluation process

2. Wednesday, October 15, 4:30 – 6 pm, Room 152 Coates Hall: evaluating and scoring of fellowship applications, bring the draft of your application for critique!

NOTE: You can attend the first session only, but you should come to second session only if you attended the first session.

We strongly recommend that you make use of at least one faculty advisor to assist you in critiquing your application.

Contact Marybeth Lima at mlima1@lsu.edu if you have any questions

We hope to see you there!