National Science Foundation

*Only GRFP Fellows may apply*

**GROW: Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide**

**About:**
- To provide professional development experiences to NSF Graduate Research Fellows through research opportunities with international hosts
- 2-12 month stays in 18 host countries: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland
  *applicants can ONLY collaborate with these host countries, no exceptions

- $5,000 Travel allowance
- Only 1 application per cycle
- Additional in-country support from host
  - Support varies from country to country

**Internal Deadline:** November 21st, 2016  
**National Deadline:** December 5th, 2016

- Both provide access to facilities, equipment, field sites, etc.
- New collaborations and expanded network
- Skill development and exposure to different cultures (both international and domestic)
- Application is not considered complete without a signed AOR

**Required Materials**
- Coversheet
- Project summary
- Project description
- Budget/budget justification
- References
- Biographical sketch
- Letter of endorsement from advisor
- Letter of collaboration from host
- AOR Form (signed)

**Recommendations**
- Include a timeline and justify it
- Share potential impact on research field
- Plan to disseminate research
- Write about the budget and justify it
- Keep in mind country requirements

**GRIP: Graduate Research Internship Program**

**About:**
- To provide professional development experiences to NSF Graduate research opportunities with Federal Agencies and National Labs (internships)

- $5,000 Research allowance
- Only 1 application per fiscal year, but can apply to GROW within the same year
- Additional research support varies with host

**Internal Deadlines:** November 21st, April 22nd  
**National Deadlines:** December 5th, May 6th

**Required Materials**
- Fellow information
- Research and professional Development Plan
- Supplementary Documents:
  - Resume or CV
  - Letter of endorsement from advisor
  - AOR Form (signed)
    - Can be found on Fastlane module
- Tenure and reserve professors are allowed to apply

**Recommendations**
- Include how this helps your professional development
- Describe what professional events you plan on attending that will make you better, increase network
- Give a good story about your background or why you want this
FAQ’s

1. How do I find a potential host?
   GROW: Go to international conference, literature search and email authors to collaborate with
   GRIP: look on website for a list of agencies

2. How are the applications reviewed?
   First they are reviewed internally at NSF. Then applications are sent to partner agencies and their
   partners make the final decision as to which projects get funded

3. How soon will notifications go out about which projects will be funded?
   GROW: April-May 2017
   GRIP: within 3-6 months, usually have faster turnaround

4. How soon can the awarded activate the fellowship?
   Can start summer after you are awarded

5. At what point in Graduate school should someone apply?
   Apply as soon as you feel you are ready but you can only apply after the first year of grad school and
   must have at least 12 months of school left after you apply

6. Are there sample GRIP and GROW applications that can be accessed?
   Best way to get advice is to reach out to previous applicants/ recipients

7. Can an awardee take a spouse?
   Yes but the grant money cannot be used for any of the spouses expenditures

8. Can you receive multiple GRIPS after you have been awarded one?
   Yes it is possible but must show a different project

9. Can an awardee stay less than 2 months?
   Usually scientists have great flexibility in accommodating stay time.

10. Advice for both Fellowships: Read very carefully what each Country/Agency requires, reviewers want to see how
    those $5000 will help the research, gain experience, grow professionally, and expand network

Find other helpful FAQ’s on the National Science Foundation web site.