**Grant Title:** GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

**PA Number:** NSF 06-592

**Area of Research:** Fellowships for graduate study leading to research-based master’s or doctoral degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

**Release & Expiration Dates:** August 1, 2006 release; November 1, 2006 expiration

**Letter of Intent:** May 5, 2006

**Application Deadline:** Interdisciplinary Fields of Study: November 01, 2006; Mathematical Sciences and Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering: November 03, 2006; Social Sciences, Psychology, and Geosciences: November 06, 2006; Life Sciences: November 08, 2006; Engineering: November 09, 2006; Chemistry, Physics & Astronomy November 13, 2006

**Amount:** Affiliated institution: $40,500; Stipend: $30,000 for a 12-month tenure period, prorated monthly at $2,500 for shorter periods; Cost of education allowance: $10,500 per tenure year. Fellows Abroad: Up to $10,500 per tenure year. International Research Travel Allowance: $1,000. 1,000 awards.

**Length of Support:** All awards will be for a maximum of three years usable over a five-year period.

**Eligible applicants:** U.S. citizen; student in the early stages of graduate education; and must affiliate with an accredited United States university, college, or non-profit academic institution or appropriate international institution of higher education offering advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics prior to activating the Fellowship award.

**Agency/Department:** National Science Foundation; Directorate for Education and Human Resources

**Summary:** The purpose of this funding opportunity is to ensure the vitality of the scientific and technological workforce in the U.S. and to reinforce its diversity. The program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in the relevant science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines who are pursuing research-based master’s and doctoral degrees. NSF Fellows are expected to become knowledge experts who can contribute significantly to research, teaching, and innovations in science and engineering. This program is designed to provide opportunities for advanced education that prepares students for a broad range of disciplinary and cross-disciplinary careers through its strategic investments in intellectual capital. The goal of this funding opportunity is to support fellowships for graduate study leading to research-based master’s or doctoral degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) relevant to the mission of the National Science Foundation.