Graduate Research Fellowship Program Workshop 2025

**Resource Guide**

Botanical Society of America

**Important dates and deadlines:**

| Fri., Oct. 3rd | Introductory Panel Discussion on writing a successful fellowship proposal |
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| **Fri., Nov. 7th by 5pm ET** | All reference letters due by 5 pm Eastern Time (TBD when solicitation is posted). |
| **Mon., Nov. 10th** | Proposal due by 5 pm |

**GRFP Application Components**

* Personal statement (3 pages)
* Research statement (2 pages)
* Plain-text CV or Resume
* 3 letters of recommendation
  + You may provide the contact details for 4 recommendation writers, but only 3 letters will be reviewed with your application.
  + **Reference letters are due in advance of the full proposal see deadline above.**
  + Give letter writers plenty of notice**!** 2-4 weeks is best.
* Transcripts
  + Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.

**GRFP General Information**

Homepage: <https://www.nsfgrfp.org/>

Email for questions: [grfp@nsf.org](mailto:grfp@nsf.org)

**NSF resources:**

[GRFP Program Solicitation](https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/grfp-nsf-graduate-research-fellowship-program/nsf25-547/solicitation)

[Reference Letter Submission Guides](https://www.research.gov/research-web/content/aboutrls)

**Select GFRP Applying Guides**

[Alex Lang](https://www.alexhunterlang.com/nsf-fellowship)

[Claire McKay Bowen](https://clairemckaybowen.com/fellowship/)

[Zach Portman](https://www.zportman.com/blog/applying-for-the-nsf-grfp)

[Christian Liu](https://www.christineliuart.com/writing/2018/8/31/advice-for-applying-to-the-nsf-grfp)

[Mallory Ladd](https://web.archive.org/web/20200203104139/http://www.malloryladd.com/nsf-grfp-advice.html) (archived link)

**Proposals Examples**

[RI-Lab Github successful fellowships](https://github.com/RILAB/statements/tree/master/fellowships)

* Public and shareable

[Yaniv Brandvain's collection of NSF GRFPs](https://github.com/ybrandvain/GRFP)

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[NSF GRFP Examples](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xoezGhbtcpg3BvNdag2F5dTQM-Xl2EELUgAfG1eUg0s/htmlview#)

* Hosted by Alex Lang
* Public and shareable

[GRFPs Evol Ecol & Plant Bio](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13ex9ykvReOQQSzMjEo9ur89BA_SfRBat4UrEDeiPw2A/pubhtml?gid=0&single=true&urp=gmail_link)

Google-Drive Folder will be shared with you.

* Note: These statements should not be shared outside of this workshop.

**Writing Tips and Resources**

[Baby, Werewolf, and Silver Bullet](http://ecoevoevoeco.blogspot.com/2014/10/how-to-writepresent-science-baby.html)

[MIT comm lab - personal statement](https://mitcommlab.mit.edu/broad/commkit/nsf-personal-statement/)

[MIT comm lab - research proposal](https://mitcommlab.mit.edu/eecs/commkit/nsf-research-proposal/)

[ESA - scientific writing made easy](https://esajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/bes2.1258)

[NSF broader impacts 101](https://new.nsf.gov/science-matters/nsf-101-five-tips-your-broader-impacts-statement)

**General Free or Low-Cost Resources for Students:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IFbHIN5OOAO0qz-VfCU9nEx4-x6CfArj1-d8ylA2vsU/edit>