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Dear Elizabeth Ariadne Lagesse:

I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected to receive a 2015 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Fellowship. Your selection was based on your demonstrated potential to contribute to strengthening the vitality of the US science and engineering enterprise. Please read carefully and follow the instructions in the next pages for GRFP Fellowship Terms and Conditions, your responsibilities, and how to formally accept your Fellowship, declare fellowship status, and view your rating sheets.

The stipend for 2015-16 is \$34,000 per twelve-month Fellowship Year, given in increments of \$2,833 per month. The GRFP Fellowship period is 5 years, or less if you graduate and complete the fellowship before the 5-year period ends. Financial support is provided for a maximum of three years. The financial support may be used in any three, 12-month units, starting in Summer (June 1) or Fall (September 1) over the five-year period that begins in 2015 (your award year). Your institution will receive a \$12,000 Cost of Education Allowance in lieu of all required tuition and fees for each of the three years you choose to utilize the fellowship funding.

We encourage you to take advantage of professional development opportunities offered through the GRFP; for example, the Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (<http://www.nsf.gov/grow>) and the Graduate Research Internship Program (<http://www.nsf.gov/grip>). Email notifications and "Dear Colleague Letters" on the [www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov) web site are the typical vehicle for communications of this nature.

Your selection as an NSF Graduate Fellowship awardee is a significant accomplishment. We wish you success in your graduate studies in science or engineering, and continued success in achieving your career aspirations. We look forward to learning about your achievements and contributions during your graduate study and beyond.

Sincerely,  
Valerie P. Wilson  
Acting Division Director  
Division of Graduate Education