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Dear Rena Aerey Lee:

Congratulations! On behalf of the National Science Foundation, I write to offer you a 2022 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF). To be eligible to accept this offer of an NSF GRF you must: 1) meet the eligibility requirements detailed in the GRF Program (GRFP) solicitation, and; 2) intend to enroll, or be enrolled, for the entire period of the Fellowship in a research-based, graduate-degree-granting program in an eligible field of study, at an accredited non-profit U.S. institution of higher education.

Please note that NSF publishes the names of GRF candidates and Honorable Mention designees on the GRFP website at <https://www.research.gov/grfp/>. Unless you indicated otherwise at the time of application, you will find yourself listed along with the other GRF candidates.

Please read the following information thoroughly and carefully to ensure that you understand the Terms and Conditions of the NSF GRF before accepting the fellowship. Note that April 29, 2022 is the FINAL deadline to (1) accept the award and agree to its Terms and Conditions, and (2) declare Fellowship status for the upcoming year. Failure to meet the April 29 deadline will result in the revocation of your Fellowship offer. Once you have read and understand the terms, follow the instructions in the accompanying "Information and Instructions for Fellowship Candidates" document to complete these actions.

If you accept this offer, NSF will award the Fellowship funds to your graduate institution, which then disburses the funds to you. The institution is responsible for the financial management of your Fellowship, including stipend and fee payment. You should direct all queries about payments, fees, benefits, etc., to the GRFP Coordinating Official at your graduate institution. (Instructions on how to identify your institution's GRFP Coordinating Official are given in the accompanying document.) You remain subject to all the requirements of the degree program in which you are enrolled as determined by your graduate institution. The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship cannot be combined or held concurrently with another U.S. federal government fellowship.

Although you are identified as an NSF GRF, at no time will you be considered an employee of NSF, nor are you the Principal Investigator of the award from which you



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receive Fellowship support. The grant goes to the graduate institution.

The GRF provides three years of financial support, comprising a \$34,000 stipend per twelve-month Fellowship Year, disbursed in monthly allotments of \$2,833. The stipend cannot be prorated or divided into smaller increments. The three years of support must be used within a five-year fellowship period or until you graduate, whichever comes first. In the years that you receive a stipend, your institution receives a direct payment of \$12,000 towards the Cost of Education. This payment is in lieu of all required tuition and fees, meaning that tuition and required fees will be covered in each of the three years of fellowship funding. The use of the Cost of Education allowance is determined by your graduate institution.

The reviews and ratings for your application are now accessible through the GRFP application portal. The reviews will be available until July 15, 2022. Please print or save a copy of the Reviews PDF for your records. Reviews will not be available after July 15, 2022.

Your selection as an NSF Graduate Research Fellow is a highly significant national accomplishment and places you amongst an elite group of fellows who have gone on to distinguished careers in STEM or STEM education. We wish you similar success in your graduate studies and continued excellent progress towards your own career aspirations.

Yours sincerely,

Lee L. Zia, Ph.D.  
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## Information and Instructions for Fellowship Candidates

### STEP 1: ACCESS YOUR REVIEWS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

- Navigate to the NSF GRFP Website: <https://www.research.gov/grfp/Login.do>
- Log in with your GRFP Username and Password

To view/save/print reviews:

- In Fellows Optional Task List on the homepage, click "View/Print Application Reviews"
- For a printable PDF version, click "View PDF" icon

Keep a copy of your reviews for your records. They will not be available after July 15, 2022.

For technical assistance with [research.gov/grfp](https://www.research.gov/grfp), email [fastlane@nsf.gov](mailto:fastlane@nsf.gov). All other questions about reviews should be directed to [info@nsfgrfp.org](mailto:info@nsfgrfp.org).

### STEP 2: ACCEPT OR DECLINE THE FELLOWSHIP BY APRIL 29, 2022

Please choose Accept or Decline. Failure to accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions by April 29, 2022 will result in revocation of your Fellowship offer. If you wish to decline the offer but are eligible to apply in the next competition, you must decline by April 29, 2022 to avoid any future applications being returned without review.

Upon acceptance of the Graduate Research Fellowship:

Add [grfp@nsf.gov](mailto:grfp@nsf.gov) (and other email addresses from @nsf.gov) to your safe sender list to ensure critical NSF emails are not sent to your spam filter. Update your contact information and email addresses regularly on the GRFP website so you don't miss notifications from NSF. You are strongly encouraged to use an email address not affiliated with your academic institution (undergraduate or graduate) to which you will have continuous access after you graduate.

Emails sent to your address listed in GRFP are official NSF communications. You are responsible for all information sent to this address.

Two links on the left side of the GRFP homepage provide crucial information about managing your Fellowship:

The Administrative Guide for Fellows and CO's: The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Administrative Guide for Fellows and Coordinating Officials (The Guide) provides the Terms and Conditions for your Fellowship, policies, guidelines, and other important information to manage your Fellowship. The Guide provides comprehensive information on the use of your Fellowship and should be consulted first for all questions



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that you or your institution may have about the Fellowship.

Institution Directory: find the institution at which you will be enrolled. The Coordinating Official(s) listed is/are the first point(s) of contact for guidance about your Fellowship on your campus.

### STEP 3: IF YOU ACCEPT THE AWARD, DECLARE FELLOWSHIP STATUS BY APRIL 29, 2022

1) Enter Fellowship Status Plans: for the upcoming year, and annually thereafter throughout the Fellowship, you must declare your Fellowship status as "Tenure" or "Reserve".

"Tenure" means you draw a stipend for that year, "Reserve" means that you do not. The stipend is disbursed by your institution in monthly allotments of \$2,833, for a total of \$34,000 over a 12-month Fellowship year. The stipend cannot be prorated or divided into smaller increments. The Fellowship year starts September 1. Once started, the Fellowship year cannot be halted or deferred (except for medical or military deferrals, see The Guide). You must declare Fellowship status plans each year by the announced deadline (which may differ from the precise deadline in your initial year) or your Fellowship will be terminated.

2) Enter Tenure and Reserve Plans: indicate how you envision using your tenure and reserve years over the five-year Fellowship period. This is used for forecasting only, and is not considered a permanent or binding commitment on your part.

3) Contact your institutional Coordinating Official(s) listed in the Institution Directory to inform them of your acceptance of the Fellowship.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The GRFP Team