

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program PhD+ Virtual Summer Workshop Series

PhD+ is excited to support UVA students planning to apply for the National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) in 2022. Although GRFP applications are due in mid-October, we want to ensure that you have as much time as possible to strengthen your application. The PhD+ summer workshop series will provide insight into the entire process, from drafting your materials to understanding the national review, and will help you strengthen your entire application package.

OVERVIEW

This two-part workshop is intended to introduce applicants to the GRFP and help you refine the content of your application. Together, we will discuss the submission and review process, deconstruct past applications to identify their strengths and weaknesses, and identify potential story ideas and strategies you can use when crafting your statements and coordinating with your letter writers.

Understanding Evaluation & Deconstructing Applications

July 14 | 3:30 – 5:00 PM Eastern

Session 1 will help attendees: understand how reviewers discuss and rank applications based on the evaluation criteria, identify strengths and weaknesses of past applications, and learn how to effectively structure the written statements.

Personal Reflections, Story Ideas, & References

August 11 | 3:30 – 5:00 PM Eastern

Session 2 will give participants: an opportunity to hear from successful past applicants on how they approached their written statements, strategies for finding a unique story for the personal statement, and ideas for strengthening your application in the coming months.

HOW TO REGISTER

Students can register here: bit.ly/3OTpXyi. Please note that your advisor or DGS will only need to complete the separate form if you are also enrolling in the PhD+ Brainsteering NSF GRFP Preparation Course (see below).

PhD+ Brainsteering NSF GRFP Preparation Course

Asynchronous, self-paced course with materials (videos, tip sheets, & off-line worksheets) and weekly office hours with one-on-one coaching. Find more information visit www.brainsteering.org/grfp and register using the link

ADDITIONAL EVENTS & RESOURCES

PhD+ Fall Events & Resources

(Open to all graduate students)

- Fall 1-Day GRFP Bootcamp: **Mid-Aug. Date & Time TBD**
- Mini-Writing Retreats: **Aug. 25, Sept. 2, 16, & 23 | 2-5 pm**
- Virtual Office Hours: **Sept. 9 & 30, & Oct. 14 | 3-5 pm**
- Application Review “*Speed Dating*”: **Date & Time TBD**

UVA Engineering – Graduate Writing Lab

(May be limited to Engineering students)

- Fellow Mentor Meetings
- Meet with a GRFP Mentor
- GRFP Mentor Weekly Drop-in Hour: **Thurs. | 2:30 pm**

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions about the NSF GRFP or support PhD+ provides students, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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