

Graduate Fellowship Preparation Course

General Information:

- Meeting Times: F 9:10 – 10:00 am
- Location: Physical Sciences Room 111
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Course Description: The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) and the NASA Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST) program provide up to three years of fellowship support to high-achieving, early-career scientists. Winning a GRFP or FINESST gives you the freedom to pursue your own independent research program, and is an extremely prestigious fellowship to have to your name. This seminar series will help you to assemble a strong application for the GRFP and/or FINESST awards.

Course Objectives: This seminar series will help students understand the GRFP and FINESST funding calls, and will help students get an early start on their fellowship writing. We will workshop ideas for proposals, and will discuss writing and figures. As a group, we will perform mock panel reviews of draft proposals, thereby giving students ample feedback on their proposals prior to submission.

Course Topics Outline:

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC
1	Aug 14	Timeline; Overview of GRFP/NESSF Program; Funding Calls
2	Aug 21	Discussion of Funding Call; Review Exercise; Update Advisor
3	Aug 28	Class Mock Review Panel
4	Sep 04	Idea Pitches
5	Sep 11	First Draft Proposal Due; Group Feedback
6	Sep 18	Second Draft Proposals Due; Group Feedback; Draft to Advisor
7	Sep 25	Class Mock Review Panel
8	Oct 02	Class Mock Review Panel
9	Oct 09	Department Mock Review Panel; Group Feedback
10	Oct 16	Fastlane Summary Due; Group Feedback
11	Oct 23	GRFP Due (5:00 pm Local Time) (Note: Geo/Life Due Oct 19)
12	Oct 30	Internal Break – No Class; GRFP Letters Due (5:00 pm Eastern)
13	Nov 06	FINESST Idea Pitches
14	Nov 13	FINESST Personal Statements Due; Group Feedback
15	Nov 20	FINESST Research Statement Draft Due; Group Feedback

