Overview

For more than 20 years, the National Nuclear Security Administration’s (NNSA) Graduate Fellowship Program (NGFP) has been developing the next generation of leaders in national security.

NGFP offers unmatched opportunities for graduate-level students to gain hands-on experience and explore careers in national security across the NNSA enterprise. Fellows learn about a range of technology applications while helping shape policy and decision making.

NGFP can be your gateway into a career in national security. Apply today to join us in advancing this critical mission!

About the NNSA

Established by Congress in 2000, NNSA is a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy responsible for enhancing national security through the military application of nuclear science. NNSA maintains and enhances the safety, security, and effectiveness of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile without nuclear explosive testing; works to reduce the global danger from weapons of mass destruction; provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion; and responds to nuclear and radiological emergencies in the United States and abroad. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), a DOE national laboratory, administers NGFP for NNSA. NNSA Graduate Fellows are not federal employees; they are contractually employed by PNNL and work on site at DOE/NNSA locations.
Opportunities

NGFP gives highly motivated, graduate-level students a full year of:

» Hands-on experience to prepare for a career in national security
» Opportunities to make significant contributions to the nation
» Specialized training, leadership and career development, and networking
» Collaboration with professionals and leading researchers nationally and internationally

Compensation

» $53,300 salary ($63,550 post-docs)
» $4,000 hiring incentive (taxed)
» Additional travel and training funding
» Healthcare and paid vacation/holidays
» Tuition reimbursement (restrictions apply)

Positions

NGFP offers approximately 60 positions annually, typically in areas of nuclear security and nonproliferation policy and technology, national security research and development, and nuclear safety. Responsibilities vary by assignment.
Apply Now

Applications for fellowships beginning in June 2021 will be accepted online through October 2, 2020.

Qualified applicants must submit the NGFP application followed by a letter of interest, a resumé or CV, transcripts, and at least two letters of recommendation.

Learn more and apply online at: http://ngfp.pnnl.gov

Mission Impacts

Fellows make programmatic contributions across both the technical and policy realms. After their fellowships, fellows are highly sought after by employers in national security and related fields, with many going on to positions with government agencies, national laboratories, non-government organizations, industry, academia, and other organizations worldwide.
ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must meet the following requirements:

» Be enrolled and matriculated in a graduate degree program at the time of application OR

» Have completed a graduate degree program within 18 months prior to the application deadline AND

» Have a final and current cumulative GPA of at least 3.20/4.00 in the graduate degree program

» Be a U.S. citizen eligible for a security clearance

» Available to work full time for the duration of the one-year fellowship (beginning in June)

Typical candidate backgrounds include but are not limited to:

» Nuclear science/engineering
» Radiation/health physics
» Radiochemistry
» Chemical sciences
» Mechanical engineering
» Physics
» Industrial or occupational hygiene
» Other engineering and science
» International relations
» Nonproliferation studies
» Political science
» Security studies
» Public administration
» Public policy
» Accounting
» Finance/Project management
» Engineering management

FROM OUR FELLOWS

“Participating in the NGFP fellowship provided me with countless opportunities to grow professionally, make invaluable connections across the interagency, and contribute to the U.S nonproliferation mission.”

—Savannah Blalock, Class of 2018

“The fellowship opened my eyes to so many new opportunities in the nuclear security field. I gained an invaluable understanding of how real-world decisions are made and will take these lessons into all my future endeavors.”

—Matthew Tweardy, Class of 2018

Application closes October 2, 2020
NGFP BY THE NUMBERS

80% of fellows accept jobs in national security

~60 positions annually

25 years in operation

230+ applicants per year

500+ alumni to date

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Cover images: Fellows at orientation.