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This letter is being sent to departments that have students who have expressed an interest in the Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellowship (DOE CSGF) and it will also be posted on the DOE CSGF website. The purpose of this communication is to inform you of a TA policy relevant to the Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellowship (DOE CSGF) program participants.

In the past, some allowance has been made for fellowship participants who wish to gain teaching experience or for students who appear to be required to teach. In an effort to remain consistent with DOE CSGF goals and design, the following rules must be adhered to regarding TA requirements.

Applicants will only be considered for study in departments that certify that either:

1. no more than one term of teaching, grading or other departmental support activities are required of students in the applicant's department or
2. if there are requirements to teach, grade or provide other departmental support for more than one term, they will be waived for the DOE CSGF fellows.

If a fellow teaches during the fellowship period, the fellowship stipend will be decremented by the amount paid for the teaching or other departmental support activities.

About the fellowship: The DOE CSGF provides a stipend of \$37,000, an academic allowance to the fellow of \$5,000 the first year with \$1,000 every renewed year thereafter and pays full tuition and fees for the fellow. The fellowship is designed to identify and support some of the very best graduate students in the country. Over the past twenty years, it has been very successful in doing this. The fellowship is extremely competitive: last year 25 applicants received an award. The fact that the fellowship attracts such a large number of highly qualified applicants is due in part to the fact that it provides the fellows with a very healthy stipend and the payment of full tuition and fees in order to allow the fellow to devote full attention to course work and research.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsey Eilts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'L' and a trailing 's'.

Lindsey Eilts  
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