We are sending this letter to departments enrolling students who have expressed an interest in the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration Laboratory Residency Graduate Fellowship (DOE NNSA LRGF). The same information also appears on the program website. This is to inform you of a teaching assistant (TA) policy applicable to DOE NNSA LRGF participants.

To remain consistent with DOE NNSA LRGF goals and design, departments must adhere to the following rules regarding TA requirements.

Applicants will only be considered for admission from departments certifying 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 DOE NNSA LRGF recipients.

If a fellow teaches during the fellowship period, the stipend will be reduced by the amount paid for teaching or other departmental support activities and the tuition and fees reimbursement will be reduced by the amount awarded for the activities.

About the fellowship: The DOE NNSA LRGF provides a stipend of $38,000; an annual professional development academic allowance of $2,000; and payment of full tuition and fees during the appointment period. The program is designed to identify and support some of the best graduate students in the country and includes a minimum of two, 12-week DOE laboratory residency experiences.

The program’s scope and benefits provide unique advantages to fellows and their institutions. The residencies are designed to foster lasting relationships and collaborations that connect doctoral students, their faculty advisors and their institutions with DOE sites and scientists. The residency periods also give students access to unique DOE experimental and computational facilities for their research.

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

Sincerely,

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