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DOE SSGF Policy for Departments Using Teaching Assistants (TA Policy)

This policy is for departments that have a student (or students) who a) has expressed interest in the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration Stewardship Science Graduate Fellowship (DOE NNSA SSGF), b) are under consideration as a fellowship applicant, and/or c) may already be a DOE NNSA SSGF recipient.

To be consistent with program goals, the DOE NNSA SSGF requires adherence to its TA stipulations. Fellowship applicants will only be considered for study in departments that certify one of the following:

1. Only one term of teaching, grading or other departmental support activity is required of the student in the applicant's department, or
2. If there is a requirement to teach, grade or provide other departmental support for more than one term, this/these obligation(s) will be waived for DOE NNSA SSGF fellows.

If a DOE NNSA SSGF recipient teaches during the fellowship period, the program stipend will be reduced by the amount paid for the teaching or other departmental support activities.

Fellowship Background

The DOE NNSA SSGF fellowship provides the following:

- \$42,000 annual stipend (for up to four years)
- Payment of full tuition, required fees, and health insurance
- Annual \$1,000 academic allowance
- 12-week research practicum
- Yearly program review participation

This fellowship is designed to identify and support some of the country's very best graduate students. The DOE NNSA SSGF attracts a large number of highly qualified applicants annually due, in part, to the generous benefits that allow its fellow to devote full attention to coursework and research.

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Administration: The Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Stewardship Science Graduate Fellowship (SSGF) is administered by the Krell Institute.

Contact Information: Questions can be directed to the DOE NNSA SSGF Program, ssgf@krellinst.org.