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This letter is being sent to departments that have students who have expressed an interest in the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration Stewardship Science Graduate Fellowship (DOE NNSA SSGF) and it will be posted on the DOE NNSA SSGF website. The purpose of this communication is to inform you of a TA policy relevant to the DOE NNSA SSGF 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 NNSA SSGF 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 NNSA SSGF 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 and the tuition and fees reimbursement will be reduced by amount awarded for the activities.

About the fellowship: The DOE NNSA SSGF provides a stipend of \$38,000, an academic allowance to the fellow of \$1,000 annually for the fellows' professional development, 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 ten years, it has been very successful in doing this. The fellowship is extremely competitive, awarding approximately five fellowships each year. The fact that the fellowship attracts such a large number of highly qualified applicants is due, in part, to the fact the fellows are provided with a very healthy stipend and the payment of full tuition and fees, which allows 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 blue ink that reads "Kris Moran".

Kris Moran
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