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USAID Research and Innovation Fellowships

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“Attracting great minds to places of great opportunity”

Who are USAID Research and Innovation Fellows?

Inaugural USAID Research and Innovation Fellows come from two different U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) initiatives: the Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF) and Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) programs. Opportunities for other streams of USAID Research and Innovation Fellows will become available as the program expands.

NSF GRF awardees are master’s and doctoral students in all fields of science and engineering who:

- Have received one of the most prestigious and oldest graduate fellowships in the United States. Less than 10% of those who apply annually are funded.
- Attend more than 900 academic institutions across the U.S. as undergraduates.
- Enroll at the most elite U.S. universities to pursue their graduate degrees. The top institutions that host NSF GRF Fellows include:
 - University of California-Berkeley
 - Stanford University
 - Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 - Harvard University
 - University of Washington
 - University of Michigan
 - Cornell University
 - University of Wisconsin-Madison
 - University of California-San Diego
 - Duke University
- Are well-funded, receiving more than \$130,000 over a 3-year period to pay for their graduate studies and research.
- Often do research pertinent multiple fields of study.
 - 40% of 2013 recipients are pursuing interdisciplinary graduate work
- Ultimately become global leaders in their fields of expertise.
 - More than 30 GRF Fellows have been awarded Nobel Prizes
 - 440 have become members of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences
 - In 2012, 4 of the 11 MacArthur ‘genius’ award winners were former NSF GRF awardees.

NSF REU awardees are undergraduate students in all fields of science and engineering who:

- Have received highly competitive short-term grants to work closely with faculty and other researchers on specific projects.
- Are selected by U.S. faculty to travel with them overseas to collaborate with the USAID Research and Innovation Fellowships host institution.