NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Since 1953, the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program has recognized and supported outstanding graduate students in the relevant science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees.
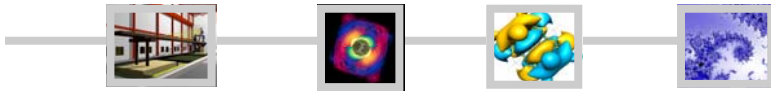
These fellows are expected to become knowledge experts who can contribute significantly to research, teaching, and innovations in science and engineering. NSF annually awards approximately 1,000 Graduate Research Fellowships.

FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS

3 years of financial support

- ♦ $30,000 annual stipend
- ♦ $10,500 annual cost-of-education allowance

Fellowships provide awardees with the opportunity to pursue research projects of their own design and may be used within a five-year period.

Visit the program's website at ***www.fastlane.nsf.gov*** for:

- ♦ Additional program information and FAQ
- ♦ Online application
- ♦ Deadline Information:
  Each year, applications must be submitted in the fall with the deadlines varying by field.
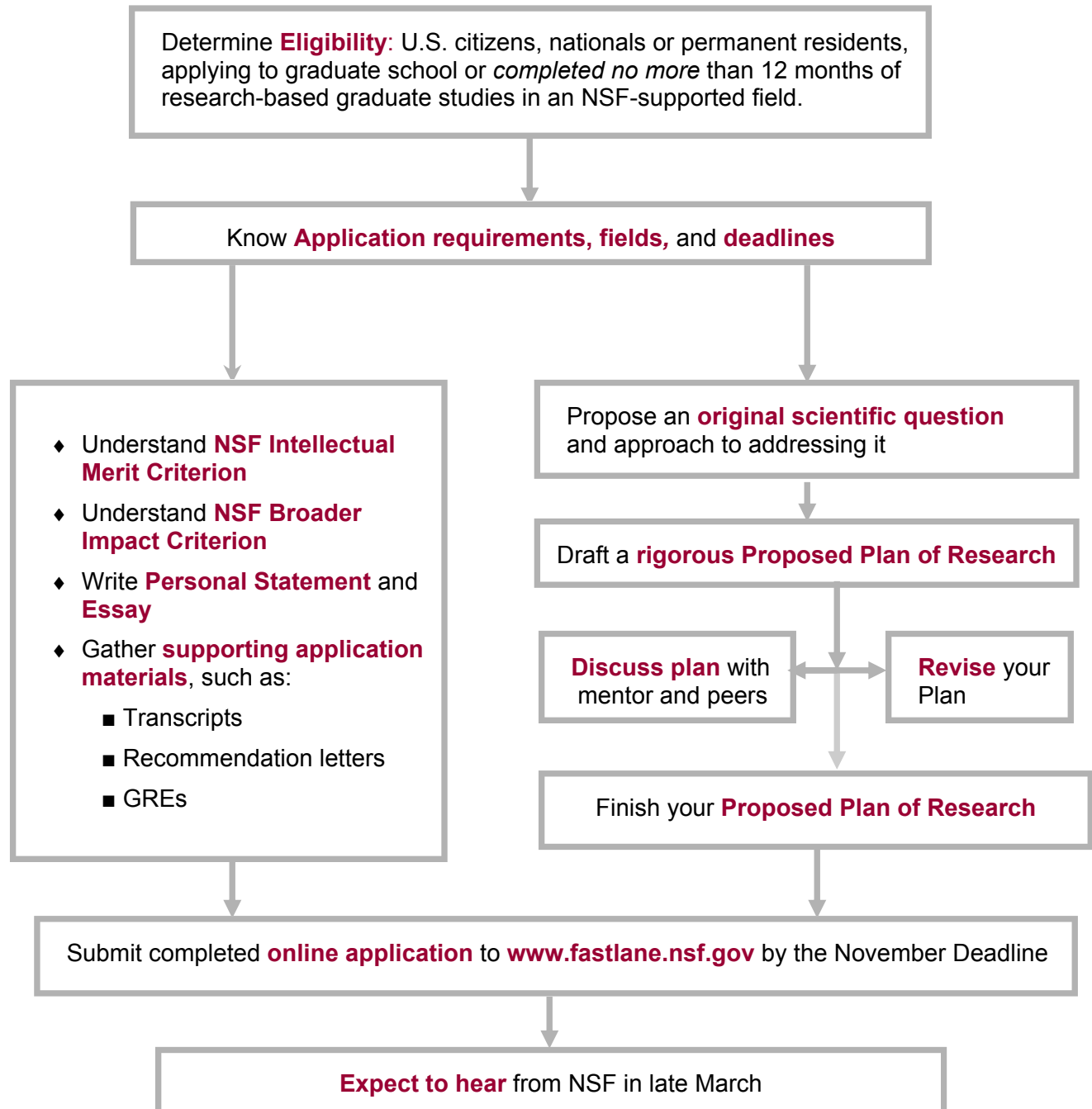
ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, nationals or permanent residents. Student must be applying to graduate school or have *completed no more* than 12 months of research-based graduate studies in an NSF-supported field.

- ♦ Chemistry
- ♦ Computer and Information Science and Engineering
- ♦ Engineering
- ♦ Geosciences
- ♦ Life Sciences
- ♦ Mathematical Sciences
- ♦ Physics and Astronomy
- ♦ Psychology
- ♦ Social Sciences

The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program seeks to ensure the vitality of the human resource base in science, technology, engineering and mathematics in the United States and to reinforce its diversity. The agency's broader mission is to promote the progress of science, to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare, and to secure the national defense.

APPLYING FOR AN
NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Determine **Eligibility**: U.S. citizens, nationals or permanent residents, applying to graduate school or *completed no more* than 12 months of research-based graduate studies in an NSF-supported field.

Know **Application requirements, fields,** and **deadlines**

- Understand **NSF Intellectual Merit Criterion**
- Understand **NSF Broader Impact Criterion**
- Write **Personal Statement** and **Essay**
- Gather **supporting application materials**, such as:
  - Transcripts
  - Recommendation letters
  - GREs

Propose an **original scientific question** and approach to addressing it

Draft a **rigorous Proposed Plan of Research**

Discuss plan with mentor and peers → **Revise** your Plan

Finish your **Proposed Plan of Research**

Submit completed **online application** to **www.fastlane.nsf.gov** by the November Deadline

Expect to hear from NSF in late March