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TO: Institutions requesting National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship application materials

FROM: ORAU/NSF Fellowship Operations Office

SUBJECT: Information Regarding the 2002 Fellowship Competition

Your 2002 Guidelines for Submission of Applications and application materials are enclosed. Since applicants to the 2002 fellowship program are encouraged to take advantage of the electronic availability of the NSF GRFP application, the amount of paper applications sent to institutions has been reduced to a maximum of five. The deadline for the 2002 competition is November 7, 2001.

All applicants are expected to apply electronically using the NSF’s FastLane at http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov.

For individuals who do not have access to NSF’s FastLane system, application forms may be retrieved using the following methods:

a. NSF Web Site: http://www.nsf.gov/grfp

   Via the Internet, you can download the application forms as either a PDF printable blank form or a Microsoft Word 97 (or newer version) on-line form. To view the PDF forms you must have the Adobe Acrobat Reader installed, which is a free product and can be downloaded at this site. If your browser does not automatically launch the Microsoft Word 97 on-line form, a message will appear to prompt you to save the Word file to a local disk drive.

b. Information via E-Mail: You can have the Guidelines for Submission of Applications and application forms sent to you via electronic mail. Each application form is available in two versions: a PDF printable blank form and a Microsoft Word 97 (or newer version) on-line form.