Due: October 21 by 4pm

1 Deliverable

For this assignment, you will write an application to the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP). A full GRFP application consists of two statements, three reference letters, and an academic transcript. You only need to write the two statements. The prompts for the two statements are here:

Personal, Relevant Background and Future Goals Statement:
http://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants/application_components#tab-10
Graduate Research Plan Statement:
http://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants/application_components#tab-11

Detailed information on the program can be found on the main site at http://www.nsfgrfp.org/. Everything you need to know about preparing, writing, and submitting your final NSF GRFP application can be found there.

Make sure that you review the Statements general guide (http://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants/application_components/statements) and the Merit Review Criteria (http://www.nsfgrfp.org/applicants/application_components/merit_review_criteria).

Important: We don’t want you to formally apply via Fastlane for the NSF fellowship at this point. In other words, don’t hit the submit button. We just want you to follow the NSF specifications as much as possible and compile all your thoughts for a successful application.

2 Submission

Submit both essays as one PDF document on eCommons (http://its.ucsc.edu/ecommons/). Make sure the document has clear headings and sub-headings.

3 Resources

On the class web page, we also made available some samples of successful proposals. Please make sure you review them as you get ready to start writing your own.