

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) proposal writing seminar

Hi folks,

We will be organizing the GRFP writing seminar again this year as an ECL298. Below is the schedule for our workshop. We meet once a week for two hours over five weeks, starting the week of Sept 12 to accommodate the October submission deadline. We'd like to develop a sense for how many people are planning to enroll so we can arrange an appropriate number of sections. **Please [sign up on the google sheet](#) if you plan take the course.** We have historically tried to accommodate students from other graduate groups, but preference is given to GGE students when space is limited.

We'll have a [Zoom organizational meeting on 9/12/2022 at 10:00am](#), which is the Monday of the first week we meet. Each of the individual sections will start meeting that week as well, at a day/time as yet to be determined. Sections usually meet for about 2 hours each week. We try to limit section size to about five or six people. Each section can decide if they'd prefer to meet live or on zoom. Zoom has worked well in recent years by accommodating students who may still be in the field. We will have a course BOX folder with some examples of prior GRFP applications that were funded for you to look through ahead of our first meeting.

Our time together goes fast ahead of the GRFP submission deadline. We will begin discussing and giving feedback on the above documents right away. To make the most of the workshop, please aim to have the following by our first meeting:

1. Full draft of your personal statement
2. Outline of your research statement

Post draft documents to group folders 48 hours before meetings to give everyone ample time to read and comment. The first week is usually a bit chaotic, so don't stress out about deadlines for getting documents posted.

Schedule:

9/12 10:00am orientation and organizational meeting.

Week 1 (9/12): 1st draft of personal statement, outline of research statement. Request your references.

Week 2 (9/19): 1st draft of research statement. Send your application materials to your referees.

Week 3 (9/26): 2nd draft of personal statement

Week 4 (10/3): 2nd draft of research statement. Remind your referees (letters are due 10/31).

Week 5 (10/10): review whole package.

Submit your application by 5pm local time 10/18 (Life sciences) or 10/22 (Geo sciences).

See everyone in September.

Best,

Steve