



NNSA GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Next Generation of National Security Leaders

For over 25 years, hundreds of students have participated in the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Graduate Fellowship Program (NGFP). The NGFP fellowship is a career gateway that provides your students with:

- Real-world experience working in NNSA program and site offices making significant contributions to the nation.
- Specialized training, leadership, and career development, and networking.
- Collaboration with professionals and leading researchers in activities and events around the world.

Help your students develop skills and expertise to pursue career opportunities in national security by encouraging them to apply for our next NGFP fellowship cohort.

Each year, fellowships start in June.

Virtual information sessions are offered throughout the year. To learn more, register for a virtual session, or apply online, visit: <https://www.pnnl.gov/apply-ngfp>

NNSA Mission and Influence

NGFP is a premier channel for developing top talent for our nation's critical security missions. As a fellow, your student will support the full breadth of NNSA mission capabilities and make powerful programmatic contributions across the technical and policy realms.

Established in 2000, NNSA is responsible for enhancing national security through the military application of nuclear science. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), a Department of Energy national laboratory, administers NGFP for NNSA.

By the Numbers



86%
of fellows accept jobs in national security



25+
years in operation



70+
positions annually



700+
alumni to date

Quotes From Partner University Faculty:

“I appreciate PNNL spearheading the outreach and recruitment efforts for NGFP by visiting Texas A&M University every year. On an annual basis, the PNNL personnel gave NGFP informational sessions, one each to the nuclear science and engineering graduate students and Bush School International Affairs graduate students. These information sessions strongly encouraged graduate students from both categories to apply to the NGFP. These fellows cherished and shared the excellent exposure and experience they enjoyed either at the NNSA headquarters or at the national laboratories during their fellowships. They were also grateful for the excellent job opportunities offered to them at the end of the fellowship to make their contributions in nuclear security and nonproliferation.”

—Sunil S. Chirayath, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Nuclear Engineering, Director, Center for Nuclear Security Science and Policy Initiatives (NSSPI), Member, DOE-NNSA University Consortium for Monitoring, Technology, and Verification

“American University has appreciated the constant, steady, and dedicated partnership of the NGFP through the years. They have provided our students with a unique and rigorous fellowship opportunity to complement their graduate studies and professional development. Past American University fellowship participants have gone on to successful careers in national security and related fields, using the skills and experience from the program. We look forward to working with NNSA as we move forward to continue to build a strong pipeline of talent from American University.”

—Julie Jones

Director of Employer Relations
American University Career Center

Career Pathways for Diverse Degree Backgrounds

Through NGFP, we are intentionally building a future workforce with diverse expertise to support national security efforts. That's one reason candidates from a variety of academic backgrounds are successful in this fellowship.

Our fellows make a big impact on national security during and post fellowship. To learn more, read our [Annual Report](#) and sign up to receive our alumni newsletter.

Institutions from around the country have students participate in this distinguished fellowship. We encourage our NGFP fellows to share their experience and overviews of their work with their academic institutions. This is an opportunity to create awareness for peers and recognize how their academic program contributed to their success in this growing effort to develop the future, diverse workforce for national security.

Positions and Compensation

NGFP offers approximately 70 paid positions annually, typically in areas of nuclear security and nonproliferation policy and technology, national security research and development, and business and project management. In addition to a comprehensive benefits package, fellows receive a hiring incentive, three weeks of accrued vacation, and tuition reimbursement (restrictions apply). Positions are available in several locations and responsibilities vary by assignment. Visit our website to view assignment locations.



Program Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have the ability to obtain a future security clearance, which requires **U.S. citizenship**.
- Be currently **enrolled in a graduate degree or doctorate program** at the time of application or have graduated within 18 months prior to the application deadline.
- Have minimum **3.0 GPA in degree/doctorate program** (final or current cumulative).
- Be **available to work full time** for the duration of the one-year fellowship.

Quotes From Past NGFP Participants:

“The fellowship provided me the opportunity to expand my knowledge of the national security enterprise while working with a fantastic group of people in Defense Programs. This experience will be invaluable throughout my career.”

—**Katelyn Bennett**

University of Tennessee - Knoxville,
NA-192 Office of Tritium and Domestic Uranium

“The NGFP fellowship gave me valuable insight into the inner workings of the national security enterprise and provided a means of entry into an extremely competitive field.”

—**Victor Jones**

Georgia State University, NA-EA-10 Congressional Affairs

“This fellowship gave me the opportunity I have been searching for to get my start in the national security space. I am absolutely thrilled to start building my career and see where it takes me.”

—**Zach Diamond**

University of Virginia, NA-10.2 Office of International Programs

“The fellowship allowed me to gain invaluable experience, expand my knowledge of nuclear security issues, and interact with a diverse array of talented professionals. It has undoubtedly been instrumental in my career development.”

—**Solomon Greene**

Georgetown University, NA-10 Office of Defense Programs

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