



NSPF Graduate Research Fellowship Application Instructions

The **National Swimming Pool Foundation** is a non-profit foundation that improves public health by creating a safer aquatic environment and by attracting more people to aquatic exercise through education and research. The **National Swimming Pool Foundation**® has established the NSPF Fellowship Program to encourage and support graduate students and post-doctoral fellows who focus research in two areas associated with aquatic venues that are treated to maintain a sanitary condition (e.g. swimming pools, spas/hot tubs, therapy pools, water parks, etc):

1. Research to reduce the risk to people associated with - but not limited to - physical facility design, exposure to chemical or pathogenic contaminants, air quality, drowning, or entrapment, etc.
2. Research to investigate and document the positive health consequences of aquatic activities against maladies such as - but not limited to - high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, heart disease, cancer, aging, physical therapy, arthritis, etc.

Several awards are available:

- **National Swimming Pool Foundation® Fellowship**
 - A minimum of \$ 2,000 per award. Up to eight fellowships for an academic year.
- **National Swimming Pool Foundation® Board Fellowship**
 - A minimum of \$4,000 per award. Two fellowships awarded for an academic year.

To apply and receive a fellowship, the applicant must be a) enrolled full-time and pursuing an advanced academic degree or a post-doctoral researcher at an academic institution and b) include a completed fellowship application along with the following documents:

1. A biographical sketch of the applicant (less than 300 words).
2. A complete résumé or vitae of the applicant, including extracurricular activities, awards, publications, abstracts, lectures, patents, etc.
3. A photograph of the applicant (2" x 3" or digital).
4. A typed paper of between 1,500 and 2,500 words describing the applicant's research program and describing how that research relates to either of the two focus areas described in the header above.
5. A bibliography of no more than ten publications from the applicant, applicant's major advisor, or the advisor's research group that relates to the "focus" areas.
6. Two letters of recommendation from references familiar with applicant's professional abilities. Preferably one letter should come from the Major Advisor.
7. Official academic transcript(s) from current academic institution and previous official/stamped college and university transcripts.

* Items 1- 6 should be sent in an electronically attached to one e-mail to avoid documents being lost.

To apply, a completed Fellowship Application and **all** of the above documents must be received no later than June 1. The applicant's name must be included on all pages of the application and supporting documents. Only one award per academic year per applicant will be awarded. Awards will be paid in two installments (fall and spring semester) when award recipients demonstrate enrollment.

The completed applications and all supporting documentation should be submitted to:

NSPF Fellowship Program
National Swimming Pool Foundation
4775 Granby Circle
Colorado Springs, CO 80919-3131
media@nspf.org



NSPF Graduate Research Fellowship Application

Please type all information

Full Name of Applicant			
Date of Birth			
Home Address			
City/State/Zip Code			
Home Telephone			
E-Mail Address (Home)			
College/University			
Department			
School Address			
City/State/Zip Code			
E-Mail Address (School)			
Name of Major Advisor			
Anticipated Graduation Date / Degree			
To which address should correspondence be sent? ¹		<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> School	
Intended Career Path			
EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION			
<small>(list all post high school academic institutions. Use and additional page if needed)</small>			
Name of School			
Major & Advisor (if applicable)			
Address			
City/State/Zip Code			
Telephone No.		Graduation Date/Degree	
Name of School			
Major & Advisor (if applicable)			
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Telephone No.		Graduation Date/Degree	
Name of School			
Major & Advisor (if applicable)			
Address			
City/State/Zip Code			
Telephone No.		Graduation Date/Degree	
Applicant Signature ²		Date	

¹ Address where award will be sent (if granted). This information will be reconfirmed upon notification of receipt of an award. Proof of enrollment will be required before award will be sent.

² By signing, the applicant attests to the accuracy of the information, agrees to the terms and conditions of the program, and releases the NSPF to use applicant's name, photograph, biographical information, and/or research information in publications and/or promotional information. Applicants must be at least 18 years old.