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NRC Awards Nearly $11 Million in Education Grants Supporting Nuclear Science and Engineering Fields

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced today it has awarded 26 grants to 23 academic institutions, including three minority-serving institutions, in 20 states, totaling nearly $11 million.

"These awards are vital to advancing nuclear science and research at academic institutions across the United States," said NRC Regulatory Research Director Ray Furstenau. "The program continues to educate students and develop faculty to strengthen the nuclear workforce to meet the future needs for highly skilled engineers and scientists."

The University Nuclear Leadership Program provides federal funding opportunities to qualified academic institutions to bolster nuclear engineering and related programs.

These grants include five undergraduate scholarships, 13 graduate fellowships, and eight distinguished faculty advancement awards. Each undergraduate scholarship provides up to $20,000 in financial support to students over the course of the three-year program, and each graduate fellowship provides up to $50,000 to students over the course of the four-year program. The NRC's distinguished faculty advancement awards provide up to $600,000 over a four-year period.

Type of Award	University	City/State	Award Amount
Distinguished Faculty Advancement	Florida International University	Miami, Florida	$599,290
Distinguished Faculty Advancement	Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta, Georgia	$600,000
Distinguished Faculty Advancement	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Troy, New York	$600,000
Distinguished Faculty Advancement	University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, Michigan	$600,000
Distinguished Faculty Advancement	University of Nevada - Las Vegas	Las Vegas, Nevada	$600,000
Distinguished Faculty Advancement	University of New Mexico	Albuquerque, New Mexico	$600,000
Distinguished Faculty Advancement	University of Wisconsin - Madison	Madison, Wisconsin	$600,000
Distinguished Faculty Advancement	University of Wyoming	Laramie, Wyoming	$600,000
Fellowship	Colorado School of Mines	Golden, Colorado	$400,000
Fellowship	Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta, Georgia	$400,000
Fellowship	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Troy, New York	$400,000
Fellowship	The Ohio State University	Columbus, Ohio	$400,000
Fellowship	University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign	Champaign, Urbana	$400,000

Fellowship	University of Missouri S&T - (Rolla)	Rolla, Missouri	$400,000
Fellowship	University of Nevada - Reno	Reno, Nevada	$399,998
Fellowship	University of New Haven	West Haven, Connecticut	$400,000
Fellowship	University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	$400,000
Fellowship	University of Texas - Austin	Austin, Texas	$398,135
Fellowship	University of Virginia	Charlottesville, Virginia	$400,000
Fellowship	University of Wisconsin - Madison	Madison, Wisconsin	$399,980
Fellowship	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Blacksburg, Virginia	$400,000
Scholarship	Idaho State University	Pocatello, Idaho	$197,009
Scholarship	Oregon State University	Corvallis, Oregon	$200,000
Scholarship	Thomas Edison State University	Trenton, New Jersey	$200,000
Scholarship	University of Wisconsin - Madison	Madison, Wisconsin	$200,000
Scholarship	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Worcester, Massachusetts	$199,540
	Total	Total	**$10,993,950**

Since the program's inception in 2009, the NRC has awarded 602 educational grants totaling more than $190 million, of which 109 were awarded to minority-serving institutions. This funding has benefitted more than 176 individual faculty members and 4,800 students located in 39 states and Puerto Rico.

The complete list of grants awarded and general information about the grant program are available on the NRC's website. The NRC announces grant opportunities on www.grants.gov, which enables the public to find and apply for federal funding opportunities. Current funding opportunities for NRC educational grants can be found on both websites.