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NRC Awards FY16 Grants

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has awarded more than \$15 million in grants to 39 academic institutions in fiscal year (FY) 2016, including Minority Serving Institutions. The grants are used for scholarships, fellowships, trade school and community college scholarships and faculty development.

“We are proud of the Integrated University Program and the opportunities it has provided to the scientific and engineering community in support of our nation for the past seven years,” said Michael Weber, Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

Congress authorized the NRC to provide federal funding opportunities to qualified academic institutions to encourage careers and research in nuclear, mechanical and electrical engineering, health physics and related fields to meet expected future workforce needs.

The NRC announces grant opportunities on www.grants.gov, which helps the public find and apply for federal funding opportunities. A panel of expert reviewers, from the academic and the NRC community, evaluates all the grant proposals. The panel composition is diverse, with most reviewers having both experience reviewing proposals for government agencies and advanced credentials in nuclear engineering, health physics, radiochemistry or related disciplines. Each panelist has to certify they do not have any conflict of interest for the proposals they evaluate. The NRC has awarded more than \$154 million since the program began in 2007.

The [complete list of grants](#) awarded and general information about the grant program are posted on the NRC’s [website](#).