



# NNSA GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



# Overview

*For over 25 years, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Graduate Fellowship Program (NGFP) has been developing the next generation of leaders in national security.*

NGFP has become a premier channel for bringing top talent to our nation's critical security missions and providing unique opportunities for fellows to: (1) work alongside leading experts at NNSA program and site offices; (2) participate in exclusive professional development, networking, and training opportunities; and (3) engage with national security stakeholders and support leading events and activities around the world.

NGFP can be a gateway to a career in national security, as a majority of every class consistently secures positions within NNSA or the greater national security community.

## About the NNSA

Established by Congress in 2000, NNSA is a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) responsible for enhancing national security through the military application of nuclear science. NNSA maintains and enhances the safety, security, and effectiveness of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile; works to reduce the global danger from weapons of mass destruction; provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion; and responds to nuclear and radiological emergencies in the United States and abroad. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), a DOE national laboratory, administers NGFP for NNSA. Fellows are not federal employees; they are contractually employed by PNNL and work on site at DOE/NNSA locations.

## Opportunities

*NGFP gives highly motivated, graduate-level students a full year of:*

- Real-world experience to prepare for a career in national security
- Opportunities to make significant contributions to the nation
- Specialized training, leadership and career development, and networking
- Collaboration with professionals and leading researchers nationally and internationally

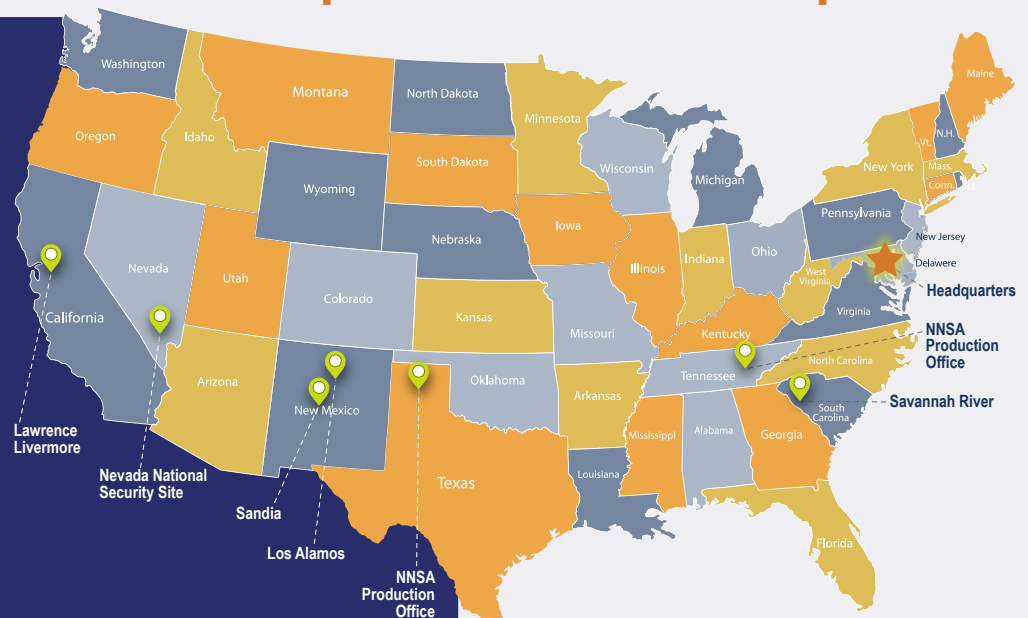
## Compensation

- Salary (\$53,300 Master's in Progress, \$60,000 Post Master's, \$70,500 Post Doc)
- \$4,000 hiring incentive (taxed)
- Additional travel and training funding
- Tuition reimbursement (restrictions apply)
- Comprehensive benefits package

**Protect our nation's nuclear security:  
Help make the world a safer place!**

## Positions

NGFP offers approximately 65 positions annually, typically in areas of nuclear security and nonproliferation policy and technology, national security research and development, and business and project management. Responsibilities vary by assignment.



Learn more about NNSA locations at [www.energy.gov/nnsa/locations](http://www.energy.gov/nnsa/locations)

# Apply Now

*Applications for fellowships beginning in June 2023 will be accepted online through October 7, 2022.*

Qualified applicants must submit the PNNL application, which includes a letter of interest, resumé, and two listed references.

Learn more and apply online at: <https://www.pnnl.gov/apply-ngfp>

## Mission Impacts

NGFP is a model program for developing and retaining top talent in national security. Fellows support the full breadth of NNSA mission capabilities and make powerful programmatic contributions across the technical and policy realms. Fellows grow as future leaders through their unique assignments as well as an annual fellowship agenda packed with professional development, networking, and training opportunities.

## Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be enrolled in a graduate degree program at the time of application **OR**
- Have completed a graduate degree program within 18 months (April 7, 2021) prior to the application deadline **AND**
- Have a final and current cumulative GPA of at least 3.00/4.00 in the graduate degree program
- Be a U.S. citizen eligible for a security clearance
- Available to work full time for the duration of the one-year fellowship (beginning in June 2023)

Typical candidate backgrounds include but are not limited to:

- Accounting
- Chemical sciences
- Engineering management
- Finance/Project management
- Industrial or occupational hygiene
- International relations
- Mechanical engineering
- Nonproliferation studies
- Nuclear science/engineering
- Other engineering and science
- Physics
- Political science
- Public administration
- Public policy
- Radiation/health physics
- Radiochemistry
- Security studies

PNNL is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and supports diversity in the workplace.

**Application closes  
October 7, 2022**

## From Our Fellows

“My fellowship allowed me to explore a broad range of nuclear security and nuclear nonproliferation topics and provided the opportunity to develop new skills and pathways for my career.”

—Terri Poxon-Pearson,  
NA-233 Office of Material Disposition

“I’ve never appreciated the benefits of virtual capabilities more. I’m so lucky that NGFP could leverage the resources we have to give us the best fellowship experience. Looking forward to shaking a real hand!”

—Rainbow Suh, NA-122.3 Air Deployed

“This fellowship changed the course of my life. It helped me get a foot in the door of truly impactful service, gain perspective on the many facets available throughout the nuclear security enterprise, and meet some incredible people who get to make meaningful decisions every day.”

—Jacob Tuia, NA-192 Office of Domestic Uranium Enrichment and Tritium

“My fellowship offered me unique opportunities to grow as a professional, gain hands-on experience in the government, and collaborate with and learn from subject matter experts in the field.”

—Samra Wolde-Tensae, NA-242  
Office of Nuclear Export Controls



# BY THE NUMBERS

**86%**

OF FELLOWS  
ACCEPT JOBS IN  
NATIONAL SECURITY

**~65**

POSITIONS  
ANNUALLY

**25+**

YEARS IN  
OPERATION

**200+**

APPLICANTS PER YEAR

**600+**

ALUMNI TO DATE

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