

## **NDRB incentive funding (NIF) for applying for nationally competitive fellowships/grants STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS**

UG students, Graduate students and postdocs have an opportunity to receive a \$500 bonus for applying for nationally competitive fellowships and grants. Financial incentives (\$2,000) will also be provided to the trainee as well as the PI's lab who successfully obtain an externally funded fellowship or grant. The purpose is to encourage a culture in the NDRB department where our trainees and their mentors prepare and submit competitive application for national programs.

### **Eligibility and Instructions:**

1. Submission of NIF application (pg. 2) must be made at the time of your initial application.
2. The fellowship application must be nationally competitive. To help trainees (and their PIs) in preparing fellowship applications, an annual workshop will be held.
3. Get feedback on a written draft from a Committee of Faculty Reviewers (see below) **before** submitting your nationally competitive fellowship application.
4. Submit your fellowship application to the funding agency and keep proof of submission. Proof of submission must include: (1) your name and PI's name, (2) the date and year, and (3) verification of receipt of the application by the funding organization (e.g., confirmation email).
5. Must agree to inform the Department Chair (email [Janice.Marshall@utsa.edu](mailto:Janice.Marshall@utsa.edu)) the outcome of the application. You do not need to have a successful application to receive the \$500 bonus, just proof you submitted.
6. To receive the additional \$2,000 bonus (\$1,000 to the trainee and \$1,000 to the PI's lab) for a successfully awarded fellowship or grant, you need to show proof of award (e.g., Notice of Award).
7. Doctoral students must be enrolled in the Neuroscience or DRS (formerly CMB) PhD program and be working in an NDRB faculty member's lab.
8. Postdocs, UG and Master's students must be working in an NDRB faculty member's lab.
9. Applicants are limited to 1 NIF per fiscal year (e.g., September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024).
10. New grant submissions or resubmissions can be eligible if you meet all eligibility requirements.
11. Due to stipulations from the Scholarships Office, international students will be subject to tax.
12. Any questions, email [NDRB@utsa.edu](mailto:NDRB@utsa.edu).

**Committee of Faculty Reviewers:** a committee of at least 2 faculty members who have reviewed your proposal and provided feedback to make submitted proposals more competitive. For graduate students, your committee could be members of your doctoral dissertation committee, including your PI. For postdocs, your committee could be your PI and/or collaborating faculty. These faculty members do not have to be within NDRB or at UTSA but should have appropriate expertise to critique the application.

*Incentive funds are subject to availability of funds in any year and are not necessarily guaranteed from year to year. NIF is funded by a combination of philanthropic and general operating funds of NDRB and is not funded through federal research funds. Program guidelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Department Chair.*

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**\$500 Bonus for Application and \$2000 for Funding**

**Instructions:**

- Submission of this NIF application must be made at the time of your initial application
- The fellowship or grant application must be nationally competitive
- To this cover page, attach a copy of the application.
- Attach proof of submission: confirmation email, screenshot of online submission page, etc.

**Submit for Review:**

[Janice.Marshall@utsa.edu](mailto:Janice.Marshall@utsa.edu). Questions may be directed to [NDRB@utsa.edu](mailto:NDRB@utsa.edu).

**Requirement to Receive NIF Award:**

You must agree to notify the NDRB Office of the final decision from your fellowship application. I AGREE (sign here): \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
abc123: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposal information**

Name of proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of proposal: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated begin date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of PI:

\_\_\_\_\_

PI's

signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Don't forget:

To include a copy of the complete application

To agree to tell us the outcome of the application