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## NRC Awards FY17 Grants

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has awarded 46 individual grants totaling \$15 million to 35 academic institutions in fiscal year 2017. The grants are used for scholarships, fellowships and faculty development. They were awarded to institutions in 22 states and Puerto Rico, including minority-serving institutions, which are a federally recognized category of educational establishments.

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](http://www.grants.gov), which helps the public find and apply for federal funding opportunities. A panel of expert reviewers from academia and the NRC evaluates all of 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 that they do not have any conflict of interest for the proposals they evaluate.

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