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NRC Awards Fiscal Year 2019 Academic Grants

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has awarded 45 grants to 33 academic institutions in 19 states and Puerto Rico, totaling \$15 million in fiscal year 2019.

Recipients include four-year universities and colleges, two-year trade school and community colleges, and 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. Recipients are to use the grants for scholarships, fellowships and faculty development.

More than 5,200 students in 35 states and Puerto Rico have been recipients of the NRC program over its 10-year tenure. Through this program, NRC has funded multiple research and development, educational and training, and experiential learning projects to enhance academic excellence and to produce a skilled future workforce.

The NRC announces grant opportunities on www.grants.gov, which enables the public to find and apply for federal funding opportunities. [Information](#) regarding the review process also is available. A panel of reviewers, from academia and the NRC, evaluates the grant proposals. The panel composition is diverse, with most reviewers having experience reviewing proposals for government agencies and advanced credentials in nuclear engineering, health physics, radiochemistry or related disciplines. All panelists must certify no conflict of interest for the proposals they evaluate.

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