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NRC Anticipates Awarding \$8.2 Million in Education Grants Supporting Nuclear Science and Engineering Fields

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission anticipates awarding 22 education grants to 16 academic institutions, including two minority-serving institutions, totaling \$8.2 million. The University Nuclear Leadership Program provides federal funding opportunities to qualified academic institutions to bolster nuclear engineering and related programs.

“A competent and well-educated workforce is a necessary prerequisite for nuclear safety and continued U.S. leadership,” said John Tappert, acting director of the NRC’s Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research. “We are very excited to sponsor these grants to support the education and development of tomorrow’s nuclear leaders.”

The selected grants include eight undergraduate scholarships, six graduate fellowships, one trade school and community college scholarship and seven distinguished faculty advancement awards. Each undergraduate scholarship provides up to \$20,000 in financial support to students over the course of the three-year program; each trade school scholarship provides up to \$5,000 to students over the course of the two-year period; and each graduate fellowship provides up to \$50,000 per year to students over the course of the four-year program. The NRC’s distinguished faculty advancement awards provide up to \$600,000 over a four-year period.

The following institutions in 15 states have been recommended for awards:

Institution	State	Fellowship	Scholarship	Trade School Scholarship	Distinguished Faculty Advancement	Total
Florence Darlington Technical College	SC			\$149,200.00		\$149,200.00
University of Michigan	MI	\$400,000.00	\$200,000.00			\$600,000.00
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign	IL		\$200,000.00		\$600,000.00	\$800,000.00
Purdue University	IN		\$200,000.00		\$500,000.00	\$700,000.00
University of Missouri (Rolla)	MO		\$199,070.00			\$199,070.00
University of Florida	FL		\$200,000.00			\$200,000.00
Idaho State University	ID		\$196,987.00			\$196,987.00

Virginia Commonwealth University	VA	\$400,000.00	\$199,743.00			\$599,743.00
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	NY	\$400,000.00	\$200,000.00			\$600,000.00
North Carolina State University	NC	\$400,000.00			\$600,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Colorado School of Mines	CO	\$400,000.00				\$400,000.00
Florida International University	FL	\$400,000.00				\$400,000.00
Clemson University	SC				\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00
Utah State University	UT				\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00
University of Cincinnati	OH				\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00
University of Massachusetts-Lowell	MA				\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00
Total		\$2,400,000.00	\$1,595,800.00	\$149,200.00	\$4,100,000.00	\$8,245,000.00

Since the program's inception in 2009, the NRC has awarded more than 600 educational grants totaling more than \$186 million, of which 110 were awarded to minority-serving institutions. This funding has benefited more than 176 individual faculty members and 4,200 students located in 39 states and Puerto Rico.

The public can find and apply for NRC educational grant opportunities on the [NRC's website](#) and [grants.gov](#) and view the list of final awards.