

## **NSF Graduate Fellowship Application Tips**

1. Have as many students/faculty review your application as possible. You will be surprised by how many people are willing to do this and how much their feedback will improve your application.
2. Explicitly address all of the review criteria (e.g., Intellectual Merit & Broader Impacts) and follow all of the rules/guidelines. Don't give them a reason to reject your application right off the bat.
3. Don't get too caught up in writing the proposal and wait until the last minute to write the other essays. They are an important part of your application.
4. Remember that the main objective of the proposal is to demonstrate that you can propose a sound, hypothesis-driven research project. What you are proposing isn't as important as how you propose it.