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## NRC Awards FY15 Grants

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has awarded \$16.6 million in grants to academic institutions in fiscal year 2015. The grants are used for scholarships, fellowships, trade school and community college scholarships and faculty development.

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.

This fiscal year, the NRC awarded grants to more than 30 higher education institutions, including Minority Serving Institutions.

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 evaluates all 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.

With the award of the FY15 grants, the NRC has awarded more than \$138 million since the program began in 2007. The [complete list of grants](#) awarded and general information about the grant program are posted on the NRC's [website](#).