

annually at 3 minutes per response; this computes to approximately 250 hours annually.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent of Seek Approval to Extend without Revision a Current Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request renewal of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by April 26, 2002, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone 703-292-7556; or send email at splimpto@nsf.gov. You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Fellowship Applications and Award Forms.

OMB Approval Number: 3145-0023.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2002.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend without revision an information collection for three years.

Abstract

Section 10 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861 *et seq.*), as amended, states that "The Foundation is authorized to award, within the limits of funds made available * * * scholarships and graduate fellowships for scientific study or scientific work in the mathematical, physical, medical, biological,

engineering, social, and other sciences at appropriate nonprofit American or nonprofit foreign institutions selected by the recipient of such aid, for stated periods of time."

The Foundation Fellowship Programs are designed to meet the following objectives:

- To assure that some of the Nation's most talented students in the sciences obtain the education necessary to become creative and productive scientific researchers.
- To train or upgrade advanced scientific personnel to enhance their abilities as teachers and researchers.
- To promote graduate education in the sciences, mathematics, and engineering at institutions that have traditionally served ethnic minorities.
- To encourage pursuit of advanced science degrees by students who are members of ethnic groups traditionally under-represented in the Nation's advanced science personnel pool.

The list of fellowship award programs sponsored by the Foundation includes, but may not be limited to, the following:

NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

Graduate Fellowships
 Minority Graduate Fellowships
 Women in Engineering and Computer & Information Science
 Earth Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
 Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Chemistry
 Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
 NSF-NATO Postdoctoral Fellowships and Supporting Engineering Minority Postdoctoral Research Fellowships and Supporting Activities
 Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Microbial Biology
 Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biological Informatics
 Ridge Inter-Disciplinary Global Experiments
 Advanced Study Institute Travel Awards

International Opportunities for Scientists and Engineers

Japan Research Fellows
 North American Research fellows
 International Research fellows Ethics and Values Fellowship Awards.

Estimate of Burden: These are annual award programs with application deadlines varying according to the fellowship program. Public burden may also vary according to program, however, it is estimated that each submission is averaged to be 12 hours per respondent.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses: 13,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 156,000 hours.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Enforcement Program and Alternative Dispute Resolution; Workshop and Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of workshop and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The NRC is convening a workshop to more fully explore the potential use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in its enforcement program. This workshop is in response to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2001; 66 FR 64890, that announced NRC's intent to evaluate the use of ADR in its enforcement program. This notice also announces that NRC is extending the comment period for the December 14, 2001, notice to March 29, 2002. The objectives of the workshop will be to develop a better understanding of the range of ADR techniques, how they might apply to specific NRC enforcement scenarios, and the potential advantages and disadvantages of the use of ADR in various parts of the NRC enforcement process. The format of the workshop will be a facilitated discussion among the invited