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Energy Department Announces New Awards for Advanced Nuclear Energy Development

Washington—The Department of Energy today announced $5 million to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing nuclear engineering degrees and other nuclear science and engineering programs relevant to nuclear energy. The awards include 58 undergraduate scholarships and 31 graduate-level fellowships for students at U.S. colleges and universities.

"Nuclear innovation is a top priority of the Administration. We are committed to assisting in the development of future researchers who will help advance breakthrough technologies that could revolutionize the nuclear energy industry. These brilliant future researchers will support the nuclear energy research needs of tomorrow," said Raymond Furstenau, Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy.

Each undergraduate scholarship provides $7,500 to help cover education costs for the upcoming year, while the three-year graduate fellowships provide $50,000 each year to help pay for graduate studies and research. Fellowships also include $5,000 to fund a summer internship at a U.S. national laboratory or other approved research facility to strengthen the ties between students and the Department's energy research programs.

Since 2009, the Energy Department has awarded nearly $38 million to nearly 700 students for nuclear energy-related scholarships and fellowships. Ninety-eight percent of the students who have completed nuclear energy-related fellowships have subsequently pursued careers in nuclear energy fields at the Department's national laboratories, other government agencies, academic institutions or private companies. Seven former fellowship winners are now university professors doing nuclear energy related research and three were competitively awarded Office of Nuclear Energy R&D awards.

Find additional information about the Department's nuclear energy scholarships and fellowships awarded today at the Nuclear Energy University Program website.