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Secretary Chu Announces up to \$12.5 Million in Recovery Act Funding for New Graduate Fellowships in Science, Mathematics and Engineering

New Funding Highlights the Administration's Commitment to Empowering Students to Choose Careers in Science

Washington, DC - U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced today that up to \$12.5 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be awarded in early 2010 to support at least 80 graduate fellowships to U.S. students pursuing advanced degrees in science, mathematics, and engineering through the newly created Department of Energy Office of Science Graduate Fellowship program. The goal of the fellowship program is to encourage outstanding students to pursue graduate degrees in physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, engineering, and environmental and computer sciences - fields that will prepare students for careers that can make significant contributions in discovery driven science and science for national needs in energy and the environment.

"Training the next generation of U.S. scientists and engineers is critical to our future energy security and economic competitiveness," said Secretary Chu. "This Fellowship is part of the Administration's effort to encourage students to direct their talents towards careers in science and our nation's next technology revolution."

To be eligible for the Fellowship, applicants must be U.S. citizens and currently a first or second year graduate student enrolled at a U.S. academic institution, or an undergraduate senior who will be enrolled as a first year graduate student by the fall of 2010. Applicants must be pursuing graduate study and research in the physical, biological, engineering and computational sciences. Interested students can apply online at: <http://www.scied.science.doe.gov/SCGF.html>

Each fellowship award will be \$50,500 per year for three years to provide support for tuition, living expenses, research materials and travel to research conferences. Fellowships will be awarded on the basis of peer review. Applicants may begin submitting applications on September 30, 2009. Completed applications are due November 30, 2009.

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