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NRC Awards FY13 Nuclear Education Grants

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has awarded more than \$14 million in grants to academic institutions in fiscal year 2013 through the Nuclear Education Program. The grants are used for scholarships, fellowships, trade school and community college scholarships and faculty development.

Congress authorized the NRC, through the Nuclear Education Program, 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 [48 grants](#) to 36 higher education institutions, including minority serving institutions, located in 24 states. These grants will help to develop a future workforce capable of designing, constructing, operating and regulating the next generation of nuclear facilities.

“This program encourages students to pursue careers and research in the nuclear sector, providing them with the expertise to keep our nuclear facilities and materials safe and secure in the future,” said NRC Chairman Allison Macfarlane. “As a safety regulator with an academic background, I highly value our agency’s efforts to support this worthwhile effort.”

The NRC announces grant opportunities on www.Grants.gov, which helps the public find and apply for federal funding opportunities. A panel reviews 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 interests for the proposals they evaluate.

With the award of the FY13 grants, the NRC Nuclear Education Program has awarded nearly \$107 million since the program began in 2007.

The [complete list of grants awarded](#) is posted on the NRC’s website along with more information on the NRC’s [Nuclear Education Program](#).