

Note: Applications are accepted and considered based on eligibility, order of arrival, and availability of funds.

**Application for NSF NRT Engendering the Spirit of Gadugi at the FEW Nexus Program
Tennessee Technological University**

Name _____ Student ID "T" No. _____
- Last First Middle

Address _____ Phone _____
- Street City State Zip

County of Residence _____

Email Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Undergraduate Major _____

Major Area of Study _____

Degree Sought: Masters ___ PhD _____ Application Term: Spring _____ Fall _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Educational Background (Use additional sheets if necessary)

College or University	Address	Dates Attended	Degree

Employment History: List any current and recent (last 3 years) full-time, part-time, or summer employment and briefly describe your responsibilities. Also include the hours per week and the dates of employment (use additional sheets if necessary).

Are you an employee of the State of Tennessee or of any county in Tennessee?

Yes ____ No ____

List any current and pending support for your education.

On separate pages, please submit the following as part of your application packet:

1. Letter of intent *
2. CV/Resume
3. Statement of your research interests. *
4. An explanation of why you are eligible and applying for the NSF NRT fellowship. Refer to the eligibility factors posted under the “Eligibility” tab at <https://www.tntech.edu/graduatestudies/nrt-nssfellowship.php>
5. A description of your collaborative learning philosophy. **
6. Submit three letters of recommendation for your potential success related to this program.

**Requirements for the letter of intent and statement of research interests can be found under the “Click Here to Apply” tab posted at <https://www.tntech.edu/graduatestudies/nrt-nssfellowship.php>.*

***Requirements for the collaborative learning philosophy can be found under the “Click Here to Apply” tab posted at <https://www.tntech.edu/graduatestudies/nrt-nssfellowship.php>.*

If you are selected as a finalist, you may be contacted for an interview.

- *If chosen to participate in the program, you will need to complete the required NRT elements including but not limited to 1) a thesis/dissertation, 2) specific NRT courses, 3) workshops, 4) projects, and 5) other training activities.*
- *If awarded an NRT fellowship, you will need to meet certain commitments required by the NSF NRT guidelines, including having the following items approved and signed by your advisor: 1) letter of intent, 2) statement of your research interests, and 3) an adjusted program of study incorporating the FEW courses. Items 1, 2, and 3 must be signed by your advisor by the end of the second semester of full-time enrollment.*
- *Please note the specific requirements from the National Science Foundation NRT program for fellowship recipients: (<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21536/nsf21536.htm#:~:text=NRT%20trainees%20must%20be%20master's,requires%20a%20thesis%20or%20dissertation>)*
 - **NRT trainees must be master’s and/or doctoral STEM students in a research-based degree program that requires a thesis or dissertation.**
 - **NRT stipends and support for customary costs of education (tuition and required fees) are limited to U.S. citizens, nationals and permanent residents. However, international students can participate as non-stipend-supported NRT trainees or as non-trainees.**

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Submit application to: Dr. Sabrina Buer (Program Coordinator)
Email: sbuer@tntech.edu