**National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)**   
Wednesday, **Sept. 29**, at 4:00--5:30 p.m. in the William T. Young Library Auditorium

Panel included:

* Eric Grulke, Professor and Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, UK College  
  of Engineering, Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering
* Joseph McGillis, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular   
  Genetics, UK College of Medicine
* Anna J. Secor, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, UK College of Arts and Sciences.  
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Take home Tips/Messages from the panel

1. No application is perfect --emphasize your strengths but address your weaknesses.
2. Avoid Jargon. Even though your discipline is reviewed by others in that area- they may not be from your exact discipline.
3. Look at current themes that NSF is funding and try to put your application/research in that context
4. Sell yourself- Remember that this isn’t a grant.
5. If you are concerned about your eligibility- Call NSF.
6. “Changes in field” applications are “highly scrutinized”
7. Have others review your personal statement and application
   1. Major Prof or advisor
   2. Others in your dept and area
   3. Professors on this panel are happy to review any application
8. Start Early (Three months in advance is recommended)

For the complete podcast and power point presentations from the panel please see the following link.

<http://www.research.uky.edu/gs/Workshops/Fall10/WorkingSeries.html>