

Pay grade	Monthly rate
E-3	1,603
E-2	1,472
E-1	1,304

The publication of this new Schedule of Remuneration does not revoke any prior schedule or change the period of time any prior schedule was in effect.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on January 13, 1995.

Doug Ross,

Assistant Secretary.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Privacy Act of 1974: Revision to Two Systems of Records

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of revised systems of records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), the National Science Foundation is providing notice of a revision to two systems of records—NSF-12, "Fellowships and other Awards" and NSF-50, "Principal Investigator/Proposal File and Associated Records". Both systems include records maintained by NSF as a result of applications for financial support and subsequent evaluation of applicants and their proposals. System 12 contains records on fellowship applicants and on nominees for fellowships submitted by an institution on behalf of the nominee, and on nominees for other awards. Fellowship awards are usually administered by the applicant or nominee's home institution. System 50 contains records on research and other proposals jointly submitted by individual applicants (principal investigators) and their home academic or other institutions. NSF makes awards to these institutions under which the individual applicants serve as principal investigators.

NSF revised these system notices to eliminate two redundant or otherwise unnecessary routine uses and to alter existing routine uses to make them consistent between each related system. Both system notices are reprinted in their entirety.

In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act, NSF has provided a report on the proposed systems of records to the Office of Management and Budget; the Chairman, Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Chairman, House Committee on

Government Operations (now Government Reform and Oversight).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections 552a(e) (4) and (11) of Title 5 of the U.S. Code provides the public thirty days to comment on the routine uses of systems of records. The altered routine uses in this notice will take effect on February 22, 1995, unless modified by a subsequent notice to incorporate comments received from the public.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the NSF Privacy Act Officer, National Science Foundation, Division of Contracts, Policy and Oversight, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, room 485, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Dated: January 17, 1995.

Herman G. Fleming,

NSF Privacy Act Officer.

NSF-12

SYSTEM NAME:

Fellowships and other Awards.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Decentralized. Numerous separate files are maintained by individual offices and programs at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Others are maintained by NSF contractors such as the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, and Oak Ridge Associated Universities, PO Box 3010, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831-2010.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Persons applying or nominated for and/or receiving NSF support, either individually or through an academic institution, including fellowships or awards of various types.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Information varies depending on type of fellowship or award. Normally the information includes personal information supplied with the application or nomination; reference reports; transcripts and Graduate Record Examination scores to the extent required during the application process; abstracts; evaluations and recommendations, review records and selection process results; administrative data and correspondence accumulating during fellows' tenure; and other related materials. There is a cumulative index of all persons applying for or receiving NSF Graduate and NATO fellowships.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

1. Information from the system may be merged with other computer files in

order to carry out statistical studies. Disclosure may be made for this purpose to NSF contractors and collaborating researchers, other Government agencies, and qualified research institutions and their staffs. NSF contractors are subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act. The results of such studies are statistical in nature and do not identify individuals.

2. Disclosure of information from the system may be made to qualified reviewers for their opinion and evaluation of applicants or nominees as part of the application review process; to other Government agencies needing data regarding applicants or nominees as part of the application review process, or in order to coordinate programs; and to contractors assisting NSF staff in the performance of their duties. Contractors are subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act.

3. Information (such as name, Social Security Number, field of study, and other information directly relating to the fellowship, review status including the agency's decision, year of first award, tenure pattern, start time, whether receiving international travel allowance or a mentoring assistantship) is given to the institution the applicant or fellow is attending or planning to attend or employed by for purposes of facilitating review or award decisions or administering fellowships or awards. Notice of the agency's decision may be given to nominators.

4. In the case of Fellows or awardees receiving stipends directly from the Government, information is transmitted to the Department of the Treasury for preparation of checks or electronic fund transfer authorizations.

5. Awardees' name, home institution, and field of study may be released for public information/affairs purposes including press releases.

6. Disclosure may be made to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made at the request of that individual.

7. Information from the system may be given to contractors, grantees, volunteers and other individuals who perform a service or work on or under a contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or other arrangement with or for the Federal government.

8. Information from the system may be given to the Department of Justice or the Office of Management and Budget for the purpose of obtaining advice on the application of the Freedom of Information Act or Privacy Act to the records.

9. Information from the system may be given to another Federal agency, a