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NRC COMPLETES FY12 NUCLEAR EDUCATION GRANT AWARDS AND ANNOUNCES FY13 FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

With the issuance this week of an additional \$3.7 million in grants, the NRC has awarded approximately \$18.6 million to academic institutions in fiscal year 2012 through the Nuclear Education Program. The grants are used for scholarship, fellowship, trade school and community college scholarship, faculty development and curricula development. The NRC also announced the availability of its [FY 2013 funding opportunities](#), with deadlines the first week in October.

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 [75 grants](#) to 55 higher education institutions located in 29 states and Puerto Rico. These grants will help to develop a future workforce capable of designing, constructing, operating and regulating the next generation of nuclear facilities.

The NRC announces grant opportunities on www.Grants.gov, which helps the public find and apply for federal funding opportunities. A panel of NRC staff and expert reviewers from academia and industry 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.

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

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