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American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr)

### **Graduate Student Research Fellowship**

### **Application Guidelines and Criteria**

The American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr) encourages and supports higher education, research and training in engineering for the benefit of the society. For this purpose, ASNEngr has established the "Graduate Student Research Fellowship (GSRF)" program for qualified graduate students pursuing Master's and Doctoral degrees. Each GSRF award will be in the amount of \$1000. The number of award each year may vary with availability of funding. The eligibility and application requirements for GSRF award are as below:

- The GSRF award for this competition cycle is open for Master's and Ph.D. students pursuing
  degrees in any fields of engineering at the institutions of higher education (colleges and
  universities) in Nepal.
- The applicant must be enrolled full-time in an accredited engineering college or university.
- The applicant must furnish proper document(s) to show that he/she belongs to the Nepalese origin/heritage. Such documents include notarized copy of citizenship, passport, or similar government issued identification document.
- The applicant must submit a description of the proposed research project not exceeding five (5) single-spaced standard 8.5" x 11" pages with 1 in. margin all sides. The main body text should be typed no less than 10 point font size in Time New Roman style. The proposal should contain a clear and concise description of the proposed research. It should present material on the proposed research topic in an organized manner under relevant section headings, including the following:
  - Heading block at the top of the first page (including Research project title followed by the full name of the applicant, degree program currently enrolled, and name and location of academic institution of the applicant),
  - Introduction.
  - Problem Statement and Research Need,
  - Objectives,
  - Significance and Relevance,
  - Methodology and Approach,
  - Task and Timeline/Schedule,
  - Expected Outcome and Deliverables,
  - Budget, and
  - References.

The proposal should also elaborate on the reason/justification for the applicant's request the fellowship support including the financial need, if any. It should also describe how the research will contribute to the advancement of the engineering and scientific research, development and education in Nepal and benefit the society. Detailed budget justification is required. In addition, the applicant should provide how this fellowship fund will help/contribute towards the overall cost of the research needed for his/her degree requirement.

- Two (2) confidential letters of reference (recommendation) are required. Both letters should be written by the faculty members of the applicant's institution. One of the two letters must be from the faculty member, who is supervising the applicant's proposed research. The letters must be sent by the faculty members directly and must be e-mailed to Info@ASNEngr.org.
- The applicant must submit official transcripts from all of his/her prior engineering degrees (Bachelor's degree transcript for an M.S. applicant and the transcripts from both the Bachelor's and Master's degrees for a Ph.D. applicant).

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- The applicant must submit his/her current resume/curriculum vitae, maximum of two (2) pages in a standard format typed with no less than 10-point font with 1-inch margin all sides.
- All application materials, including the cover application form (see next page), maximum 5-page proposal, resume/curriculum vitae, transcript(s), and letters of reference must be received by ASNEngr on or before the specified deadline in a particular year. The application/proposal should be sent electronically to info@ASNEngr.org.

The ASNEngr Awards, Grants, and Scholarships (AGS) Committee may verify the authenticity of the information/documents submitted and may also request for additional information or documents, if needed. The ASNEngr AGS Committee will review all applications received and will submit its recommendation to the Executive Committee of the Society. The Executive Committee of ASNEngr will make the final decision on the award. ASNEngr reserves the right to accept or decline an application.

#### Post funding requirements:

- The ASNEngr GSRF fund will be provided in two (2) equal installments, one in the beginning of the fellowship period and the other after the Graduate Student Research (GSR) Fellow submits an interim progress report of the research project at end of 6<sup>th</sup> month.
- All ASNEngr GSR Fellow are required to submit a 6-page long final report on the research work upon the completion of the fellowship period.
- All ASNEngr GSR Fellows are requested to appropriately acknowledge the American Society of Nepalese Engineers by name for the support it provided in all publications resulting from the research work supported by the Society.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

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# <u>American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr)</u> <u>Graduate Student Research Fellowship (GSRF) Application Form</u>

This form needs to be signed by the University/College official as indicated at the bottom.

Student's Name	
Nationality/Citizenship	
Title of Proposed Research	
Graduate Degree currently Pursuing and Field of Study	
University/College (Name, address, e-mail, and website URL)	
Bachelor's Degree (School, Address, Year graduated, Percentage point or GPA)	
Master's Degree (School, Address, Year graduated, Percentage point or GPA) –if Ph.D. applicant	
Applicant's Home Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Signature of Dean or Department Head (School of Engineering)	d/Chair Date:
Full Name:	Phone Number:
Email:	

American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr) - a non-profit organization established in September 2007 with IRS 501(c) (3) tax exempt status – aims at providing a common platform for people of Nepalese background and their friends, in engineering and closely related scientific and technical areas to come together, exchange ideas, and support each other for their and the larger society's common good and benefits. It operates for engineering, scientific and technological research and educational purposes. The Society also strives at promoting engineering, scientific, and technological advancement in Nepal. The Membership application form and detailed information on ASNEngr and updates on its recent activities can be found at <a href="http://www.ASNEngr.org">http://www.ASNEngr.org</a>.

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