

**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).

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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.

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**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](mailto:sbuer@tntech.edu)**