“Writing Competitive National Fellowship Applications”

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National graduate fellowship competitions attract many applicants, and the strongest applications clearly and succinctly communicate the accomplishments and future potential of the applicant. They must also be tailored to match the goals of each program and funding agency. Strategies for writing competitive national graduate fellowship (NSF, NDSEG, etc.) will be discussed.

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