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Dear Dr. Richard Jarman

I am writing to thank you for your service on the 2015 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Panel. We recognize that a lot of time was involved in preparing for the panel (as well as serving on the panel) and we want to acknowledge you for all of your hard work, patience and dedication to the process. Evaluating the merit of GRFP applications is the most critical step in the selection of the NSF Graduate Fellows, and we depend on the expertise of panelists such as you to accomplish this task. In addition to assisting NSF with the review, your written evaluations will be made accessible to the applicants, who will benefit directly from their content.

For the second year, the GRFP panels were conducted virtually; this required all panelists to adapt to a new format for panel discussions, and commit additional time to becoming familiar with and testing the technology. We also greatly value the input that you provided through the Panelist Survey which will help us improve the process for next year's GRFP competition and review of applications.

We hope that the experience as a GRFP panelist will be useful to you in advising prospective applicants. We encourage you to take full advantage of the program's benefits by ensuring that the students, faculty and administration at your institution are aware of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program. For more information about the GRFP, please visit the program website at www.nsfgrfp.org. A video presentation about the GRFP is always available and may be viewed and/or downloaded from the website.

Thank you for supporting the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program. Your efforts are an important contribution to the preparation of the Nation's future leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Sincerely,

Valerie P Wilson
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