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**NSF Graduate Research Fellows have ties to Sac State**

Three Sacramento State graduates and a current student are recipients of the National Science Foundation's prestigious 2013 Graduate Research Fellowships. Here are their names, along with their field of study and current institution:

Alexandra “Sasha” Asghari – Nuclear Engineering, University of California, Berkeley. Ashghari recently was featured in the "Made at Sac State" campaign. Learn more about her life and work [here](#).

Clayton James Visger – Evolutionary Biology, University of Florida.

Madeleine Robillard Kerrick – Developmental Psychology, University of California, Santa Cruz.

William Daniel Grussenmeyer – Computer Science, Sacramento State. He is in the process of transferring to the PhD program at the University of Nevada, Reno.

More than 13,000 students pursuing research-based master’s and doctoral degrees applied for the 2013 Fellowships. Only 2,000 were selected.

Fellows each will receive three years of NSF support, including a $30,000 annual stipend and opportunities for international research and professional development. They also have access to the Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE) supercomputer, to share resources, data and expertise with scientists around the world. In addition, the institution where they're doing their graduate research will receive a $12,000 cost-of-education allowance.

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