Application and Review Flowchart

Prospective applicant visits the NRC website to review program guidelines and eligibility and identifies one or more Research Opportunities of interest.

Prospective applicant discusses research interests with one or more Research Advisers to determine an interest in hosting the prospective applicant and the availability of funding.

Applicant writes a Research Proposal , which may include feedback from the prospective Research Adviser(s) and submits an application(s) to the Research Associateship Programs via the online application system.

Applicant submits transcripts (if necessary) and requests letters of reference; prospective research Adviser(s) and Laboratory Program Representative(s) provide input on the value of the proposed research to the sponsoring lab (online Lab/Center Review form).

NRC panels review applications; each application receives at least three independent reviews. Applications are scored on a 100-point scale with a passing score of 60.

Following each review, the NRC provides the sponsoring lab with online rosters of applicants' Quality Group (A+, A, A- ...) review results. Sponsors authorize the NRC to offer awards to applicants.

The NRC makes reviewer comments available to applicants.