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***Sponsored Research
at U.S. EPA's
National Center for
Environmental Research***

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STAR Research Supports EPA's Mission

- The research program at the National Center for Environmental Research is an integral part of EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD).
- ORD, the EPA Program Offices and the Regions participate in the development of grant solicitations and decisions on grant awards to support Agency goals.
- The research supported by the Science to Achieve Results (STAR) grants program together with EPA's laboratory research contribute substantially to the scientific basis for EPA's programs to protect the environment and public health.
- NCER works hard to communicate the results of your research to EPA policymakers, scientists, and the public.



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STAR Program Summary

- **Mission:** include this country's universities and non-profit centers in EPA's research program and to ensure the best possible quality of science in areas of highest risk and greatest importance to the Agency
- Award about \$66 million dollars annually
- Manage about 1000 active research grants and fellowships
- **Each year:** receive 3000-3500 grant applications; make about 200 new STAR awards, 40 awards jointly with other federal agencies, award 140 new fellowships
- **Established** in 1995 as part of the overall reorganization of ORD



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2007 Fellowship Programs

Announcements: June 2007

Deadlines: October 2007

- **STAR Graduate Fellowships**
- **Greater Research Opportunity (GRO) fellowships for graduate environmental study**
- **Greater Research Opportunity (GRO) undergraduate student fellowships**



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Fellowships are aimed at universities that receive less research funding. One of the goals of the fellowship program is to increase diversity.

Communicating STAR Research

- NCER Website: www.epa.gov/ncer/
- EPA Science Progress Reviews & Proceedings
- Scientific Meeting Symposia
- Bibliographic Database of all ORD conducted and supported research publications.
 - **Send us all publications related to your grant!**
- Notify us of all high visibility activities (e.g., press announcements prior to publication, testimony to government committees, etc.)
- Notify us of the use of your research results to highlight or solve environmental problems.



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Purpose of this Research Meeting

This is an opportunity to:

- Meet with scientists from other research disciplines.
- Discuss your research with EPA staff.
- Generate ideas for further research across disciplines.



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