

Application Checklist

- Determine which program ([Gateway](#) or [Advanced](#)) is most suitable for your educational background
- Decide which projects within the [Gateway](#) or [Advanced](#) Program best suit your interests and background
- Create an NSF ETAP account at: <https://etap.nsf.gov/applicant-info>; **Note:** other users report that *Google Chrome* works better with the NSF ETAP platform, and we have found that using *Google Authenticate* works well for the multifactor authentication that is required on *Research.gov*
- Prepare a “core application” (required by NSF ETAP) that contains core information (e.g., demographic, education, experience) that can be used for multiple applications
- Read about [How to Choose a Recommender](#) and the [Steps in Requesting a Recommendation](#)
- Prepare the information required for the Keck Geology REU application found on the NSF ETAP site
- Submit a completed application before the February deadline
- Provide your recommender with copies of your application materials
- Send your recommender the link to the online recommendation form: <https://keckgeology.org/faculty/>
- Check with your recommender to ensure that they submit their information before the deadline