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APPROVED AREAS OF STUDY

This list is a guideline for chapters considering support of a new department or area of study. ARCS supported disciplines must be part of accredited degree-granting institutions whose undergraduate programs, if any, require four years of study. These subject areas represent general categories. Sub-categories of each area may be approved (e.g. cell and molecular biology). Cross-disciplinary studies wherein each component is on the list below (e.g. biomedical engineering) also may be approved.

Some of these disciplines may include research that is not considered “hard” or “basic” science. **ARCS funding is to be used for departments that specialize in research rather than clinical studies.**

The National Board University Relations Committee will review this list on a regular basis and other areas of study may be approved at the discretion of the National Board.

Aeronautics	Genetics
Agriculture	Geology
Astronautics	Immunology
Astronomy	Mathematics
Atmospheric Sciences	Medicine, including MD, MD/PhD & MSTP
Biology	Nursing, graduate only
Botany	Oceanography
Chemistry	Pharmacology
Computer/Information Science	Physics
Dentistry, graduate only	Public Health, graduate only
Ecology	Space Science
Engineering	Statistics
Entomology	Range Management
Environmental Studies	Veterinary Medicine
Epidemiology	Wildlife Management
Fisheries	Zoology
Food Science & Nutrition, graduate only	
Forestry	