VMASC M&S STUDENT SCHOLAR AWARD

In support of the ODU Modeling and Simulation Graduate Program, the Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center is providing **two awards** for Research Assistantships. These awards are up to three-years in duration and they will go to outstanding students entering into the M&S engineering **masters or doctoral** programs.

The intent of the award is to foster student research and collaboration with VMASC Research faculty as well as to develop student scholarly excellence that yields an increase in the publication and dissemination of their work.

DESCRIPTION

Each recipient will receive up to a **three-year stipend totaling $60,000**. An annual amount of $20,000 will be distributed over three consecutive academic years for the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Renewal of the annual distribution is contingent on student progress and approval from his/her faculty mentor.

Eligibility and Terms of Fellowship

1. Students must be **enrolled full-time** (at least 9 credit hrs) in the fall and spring semesters and full-time (at least 6 credits) in the summer semester of the award period and making successful progress toward completion of the degree

2. **Tuition will be provided by the College** (with certification to continue to support the student)

3. Students are required to **conduct research at VMASC 20 hours weekly** during the academic year

4. Students are **precluded from other work for compensation** while supported by the Assistantship, except in unusual circumstances and upon approval of the Executive Director of VMASC

5. The student must **present his/her research** or creative work at the annual (spring) VMASC Student Modeling, Simulation & Gaming Capstone Conference as well as other University sponsored events

NOMINATION & SELECTION

VMASC Research **faculty can submit nominations** to the Executive Director of VMASC or **students can self-nominate**. Selections will be made by the Executive Director with input, if needed, from the VMASC faculty mentor and the MSIM Graduate Program Director.

Each nomination package must contain the following:

1. A one page **statement** from the candidate describing his/her career goals to include: a) a brief overview of a proposed project and its significance to the discipline and, b) where he/she intends to submit the final project for publication/exhibition

2. **Letter of recommendation** from the VMASC Research faculty mentor describing the merits of the student's academic qualifications for the award specific to the research task (addressing the originality), sophistication and impact of the student's work to the discipline, and the scholarly presentation

3. Copy of the student **transcript**

4. **Sample of research** (Masters students may submit a significant project or paper / doctoral students may submit their Masters thesis or significant project)