



## VMASC M&S STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

In support of the ODU Modeling and Simulation Graduate Program, the Virginia Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center provides two awards for Research Assistants. These awards are up to three years in duration and they will go to outstanding students entering into the M&S program.

The intent of the award is to foster student research and scholarship. VMASC Research Faculty as well as to encourage student scholarly excellence and increase the publication and presentation of their work.

### DESCRIPTION

Each recipient will receive a three year stipend totaling \$60,000. Each annual amount of \$20,000 will be distributed over three consecutive academic years for the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Renewal of the award is contingent on student progress and approval from the faculty sponsor.

### Eligibility and Terms of Awardship

1. Students must be enrolled full-time (at least 9 credits) 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 per week during the academic year
4. Students are precluded from other work for compensation while supported by the Assistantship, except in unusual circumstances and with approval of the Executive Director of VMASC
5. The student must present his/her research at or present a paper at the annual (spring) VMASC Student Modeling, Simulation & Analysis 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 jointly 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 or exhibition.
2. **Letter of recommendation** from the VMASC Research faculty mentor describing the merits of the student's research, qualifications for the project specific to the research task (addressing the originality, sophistication and impact of the student's work to the discipline), and the ability to complete the project.
3. Copy of the student transcript.
4. **Sample of research** (Master's students may submit a significant project or paper / doctoral students may submit their Master's thesis or a significant project).