

School of Engineering Graduate Fellowship Forum

CAST 212, Wednesday, October 7th

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Questions for you

- Undergraduates:
Have you thought about graduate school?
- Graduate students:
Why did you choose graduate school?

Why graduate school

- ???
- Higher education
- Better job
- Higher pay
- ...
- Earlier exposure to your field
- Want to be a research scientist
- Want to be a professor
- ...

Speed up your graduate study

- Prepare as early as you can
 - From freshman
- Leverage all kinds of resources
 - Universities/schools/departments
 - Communities/families
- Numerous opportunities
 - Graduate fellowships
 - National scholarships
 - Enhance your chance of winning a fellowship

Fellowship opportunities

- UConn SOE
 - <http://www.engr.uconn.edu/fellowships.php>
- UConn ONS (Office of National Scholarships)
 - http://ons.uconn.edu/Documents/Scholarships_Engineering.pdf
- ASEE (American Society for Engineering Education)
 - <http://www.asee.org/fellowships/>
- UConn Graduate School
 - http://grad.uconn.edu/funding_resources.html

Fellowship Highlights (1)

- DoEd GAANN (Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need)
 - <http://www.engr.uconn.edu/gaann/>
 - SOE garnered four GAANN awards
- NSF
 - Graduate Research Fellowship
 - <http://www.nsfgrfp.org/>
 - *"My budget... **triples** the number of National Science Foundation graduate research fellowships ..."*

--- President Obama, April 27th, 2009

Fellowship Highlights (2)

- DOD (Department of Defense)
 - The National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program (NDSEG)
 - <http://ndseg.asee.org/>
- ONR (Office of Naval Research)
 - **ONR Focuses on Attracting, Developing Diverse Generation of Future Researchers**
 - http://www.navy.mil/search/print.asp?story_id=48289&VIRIN=75939&imagetype=1&page=1
- NASA, NIH, DoT, Fulbright, ...

Agenda

- **5:00pm:** Introduction (by Jun-Hong)
- **5:05pm:** DoEd GAANN overview (by Kerrie)
- Project briefings (by Reda, John, Mei and Mun/Kazem)
- **5:20pm:** NSF GRFP overview by Jun-Hong
- **5:35pm:** Tips for applicants by Dr. Lee Aggison
- **5:50pm:** Testimonies (current/previous fellows)
- **6:00pm:** National scholarships (by Marty)
- **6:15pm:** Q&A session

The end ...

- All slides will be posted to the SOE fellowship page:
 - <http://www.engr.uconn.edu/fellowships.php>
- Contact me for any comment, suggestions, or ideas you have about graduate studies

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