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2017 Graduate Honors & Awards Ceremony

April 27, 2017
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Grand Ballroom, Stamp Student Union
University of Maryland College Park

A Celebration of Achievement
Congratulations students on your many achievements and successes!

**Master of Science**
- Yaqoub Yousef Abdullah
- Husain Ali Al Hashimi
- Nitish Balakrishnan
- Tyler Formica
- Sriman Bharath Hartharan
- Alex Holness
- Zhiwei Huang
- Stephen Jordan
- Parth Navinchandra Kathotiya
- Xin Lei
- Hao Li
- Stephanie Lind Ober Martin
- Zhenyuan Mei
- Dennis Michael Nasuta
- Jahan Parwary
- Celeste Regina Colberg Poley
- Aditya Narendrababu Sangli
- Raman Srindharan
- Nathan Allen Valentine
- William Morley Van Cleave
- Zhongshan Wen
- Zhi Yang
- Sevket Umut Yurukey
- Cong Zhang
- Junxi Zhu

**Doctor of Philosophy**
- Oliver Barham
- Ramin Bighamian
- Jonathan Michael Brooks
- Guang Chen
- Michael Christopher Fish
- Jeffrey Lynn Gair
- Hannes Martin Greve
- Prakruthi Hareesh
- Christopher Edward Hendricks
- Nicholas Robert Jankowski
- Amir Reza Kashani Pour
- Hyun-Tae Kim
- Joshua Langsfield
- Xiaojie Lin
- Eric Link
- Ren Liu
- Xuan Liu
- Anwar Abdul Mohammed
- Taylor Macks Myers
- Ivan Penskiy
- Richard Michael Scenna
- Alex Sposito
- David William Squiller
- Deepa Sritharan
- An Wang
- Zhijian Zhang
AWARDS & HONORS

Jacob K. Golhaber Travel Grant
Awarded to
Stefan Bangerth
Guang Chen
Zhiwei Huang
Ye Tao
Cong Zhang

National Science Foundation (NSF) Smart and Connected Health PI Meeting Travel Support for Student Outreach Mentoring
Awarded to
Zhara Ghasemi

UMD Kulkarni Summer Research Fellowship
Awarded to
Vipin Agarwal
Faez Ahmed

Machinery Failure Prevention Technology (MFPT) Conference Best Student Paper
Awarded to
Noel Jordan Jameson

Materials Research Society Travel Award Symposium Assistantship
Awarded to
Shayandev Sinha

Maryland Science Olympiad Extraordinary Service Recognition to Regional K-12 Programs
Awarded to
Shayandev Sinha

Richard and Stefanie Vogel Graduate Student Award
Awarded to
Ryan St. Pierre

Roving Comforter Design Competition, Second Place
Awarded to
Zhiwei Huang

UMD Graduate Research Interaction Day (GRID) Award, First Place
Awarded to
Mied Nikfarjam

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS
Hugh Bruck, Professor, Director, Graduate Studies, Associate Chair, Academic Affairs
Abhijit Dasgupta, Professor

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
Hugh Bruck, Professor, Director, Graduate Studies, Associate Chair, Academic Affairs
Abhijit Dasgupta, Professor

CLOSING REMARKS
Hugh Bruck, Professor, Director, Graduate Studies, Associate Chair, Academic Affairs
The **ALL-S.T.A.R. Fellowship** is intended to honor a graduate student who is both an outstanding scholar and an outstanding graduate assistant.

**Awarded to**

- Stefan Bangerth

American National Standards Institute-National Institute of Standards and Technology (ANSI-NIST) Standards Simulation Student Competition, Second Place

**Awarded to**

- Paul Anderson

American Control Conference Student Travel Award

**Awarded to**

- Xin Jin

The [American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Petroleum Division Scholarship](#) is awarded to students who have an active interest in the field of mechanical engineering and related technology.

**Awarded to**

- Varun Khemani

ASME Dynamic Systems and Control Conference Student Travel Award

**Awarded to**

- Zhara Ghasemi

Best Dissertation Award

**Awarded to**

- Alexi Charalambides

Best Teaching Assistant Award

**Awarded to**

- Zohreh Ghorbani

Best Teaching Assistant Award, Runner Up

**Awarded to**

- Paul Anderson

Best Thesis Award

**Awarded to**

- Joseph Andrews

C. Raymond Knight Fellowship

**Awarded to**

- Reuel Smith
  - Taotao Zhou

Center for Environmental Energy Engineering (CEEE) Best Consortium Meeting Presentation, Fall ‘16

**Awarded to**

- Ye Tao

CEEE Best Consortium Meeting Presentation, Spring ‘17

**Awarded to**

- David Hymas

The [Clark School’s Future Faculty Program](#) helps produce the great engineering teachers future generations of students will rely on.

**Awarded to**

- Faez Ahmed
  - Yan Ding
  - Randy Gayne
  - Xiaotian Ma
  - Jie Peng
  - Eliot Rudnick-Cohen
  - Saurabh Saxena
  - Shayandev Sinha

The [GDF-Suez Fellowship](#) is given to outstanding graduate students whose research is in the area of energy conversion systems and related technology in memory of long-time GDF-Suez/University of Maryland Employee Chuck Edwards.

**Awarded to**

- Daniel Dalgo
  - Ye Tao

UMD Graduate Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship

**Awarded to**

- Ramin Bighamian

UMD Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship

**Awarded to**

- Siavash Toosi

International Conference Student Support Award

**Awarded to**

- Sriram Hariharan
  - Wei Teng
  - Cong Zhang

International Compressor Engineering Conference Best Student Paper

**Awarded to**

- Ye Tao

International Microelectronics Assembly and Packaging Society (IMAPS) Foundation’s Steve Adamson Student Recognition Award

**Awarded to**

- Nathan Valentine

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) ITherm Travel Grant

**Awarded to**

- David Deisenroth