

Organization

DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory

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ARL-R-WMRD-300023

Description**About the Research**

ARL has developed a new approach for creating multi-material, multi-functional polymer filaments by combining fused filament fabrication (FFF) additive manufacturing (AM) with thermal fiber drawing. These new materials have a range of applications including functional fibers for smart textiles, and filament feedstocks for high performance FFF components. ARL seeks a co-op student to perform digital design of 3D parts, FFF fabrication of polymer bodies, fiber spinning via thermal drawing, mechanical and thermal materials characterization, and fabrication of application demos. The student will work on a team of multi-disciplinary engineers, and interact with DoD, academia, and industry scientists. The student will be expected to contribute significantly to ongoing research projects, with an opportunity to co-author scientific papers with ARL authors.

ARL Advisor: Eric Wetzel*ARL Advisor Email:* eric.d.wetzel2.civ@mail.mil**About WMRD**

The goals of the Weapons and Materials Research Directorate (WMRD) are to enhance the lethality and survivability of weapons systems, and to meet the soldier's technology needs for advanced weaponry and protection. Research is pursued in energetic materials dynamics, propulsion/flight physics, projectile warhead mechanics, terminal effects phenomena, armor/survivability technologies, environmental chemistry, and advanced materials (energetic, metals, ceramics, polymers, composite/hybrids, and mechanics) for armor, armament, missiles, ground vehicles, helicopters, and individual soldier applications necessary for maintaining and ensuring supremacy in future land warfare.

About ARL-RAP

The [Army Research Laboratory Research Associateship Program](#) (ARL-RAP) is designed to significantly increase the involvement of creative and highly trained scientists and engineers from academia and industry in scientific and technical areas of interest and relevance to the Army. Scientists and Engineers at the CCDC Army Research Laboratory (ARL) help shape and execute the Army's program for meeting the challenge of developing technologies that will support Army forces in meeting future operational needs by pursuing scientific research and technological developments in diverse fields such as: applied mathematics, atmospheric characterization, simulation and human modeling, digital/optical signal processing, nanotechnology, material science and technology, multifunctional technology, combustion processes, propulsion and flight physics, communication and networking, and computational and information sciences.

A complete application includes:

- **Curriculum Vitae or Resume**
- **Three References Forms**
 - An email with a link to the reference form will be available in Zintellect to the applicant upon completion of the on-line application. Please send this email to persons you have selected to complete a reference.
 - References should be from persons familiar with your educational and professional qualifications

(include your thesis or dissertation advisor, if applicable)

- **Transcripts**

- Transcript verifying receipt of degree must be submitted with the application. Student/unofficial copy is acceptable

If selected by an advisor the participant will also be required to write a **research proposal** to submit to the ARL-RAP review panel for :

- Research topic should relate to a specific opportunity at ARL (see [Research Areas](#))
- The objective of the research topic should be clear and have a defined outcome
- Explain the direction you plan to pursue
- Include expected period for completing the study
- Include a brief background such as preparation and motivation for the research
- References of published efforts may be used to improve the proposal

A link to upload the proposal will be provided to the applicant once the advisor has made their selection.

Questions about this opportunity? Please email ARLFellowship@orau.org

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Bachelor's Degree.
- **Academic Level(s):** Any academic level.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Engineering** ([27](#))
- **Age:** Must be 18 years of age

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