

## Doctoral Scholars Program

The ICTAS Doctoral Scholars Program was established in 2007 to honor exceptional Ph.D. applicants with a Graduate Research Assistantship through the Ph.D. qualifying period. This program is a cooperative effort supported and coordinated primarily by ICTAS, with significant contributions from participating departments, colleges, and the graduate school. Successful candidates of the highest caliber are selected for this honor. This award is an investment in the university intellectual talent, creativity, and productivity, and complements the mission and strategic plan of the university.

### Benefits

- Full graduate tuition support.
- A graduate student stipend award and associated benefits for the entire period of Ph.D. pursuit to a maximum of four years.
- Partial travel support for professional development and external presentations.
- Experience in interdisciplinary research.
- Opportunity for cross pollination.
- Prestigious designation.

### Application and Award

Potential candidates must apply for graduate school acceptance through the Virginia Tech Graduate School standard application process ([www.grads.vt.edu/admissions/applying](http://www.grads.vt.edu/admissions/applying)). In parallel, Ph.D. candidates may elect to express interest in the ICTAS Doctoral Scholars Program by completing an ICTAS Doctoral Scholar Letter of Intent form. The ICTAS Doctoral Scholars Program Letter of Intent form is available at [www.ictas.vt.edu/scholars.shtml](http://www.ictas.vt.edu/scholars.shtml). Faculty advisors are encouraged to recommend exceptional interested applicants.

Submission of the interest form to ICTAS triggers interaction with the candidate's selected department to obtain the standard graduate school application package of materials. Each nominated candidate is considered on the basis of the match of the program's selection criteria and the correlation with qualifications represented in

the standard graduate school application and the accompanying letters of recommendation.

Review of applications begins in January of each year. Successful applicants are notified of selection after negotiation with the academic department. Notification to recipients is accomplished on an on-going basis, until all available slots are filled. The full cohort of scholars is formally announced after all acceptances are received.

### Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Candidates of the highest academic caliber are eligible for this honor. The program is targeted to entering or new Ph.D. candidates. Nominators are encouraged to submit applications for the best of the best in terms of academic and other credentials, in addition to acknowledged creativity and dedication to the chosen field of interest.

**General inquiries related to program administration may be directed to Ann Craig, ICTAS Program Development Director, at 540-231-2059, or [annc@vt.edu](mailto:annc@vt.edu).**

