JSA / Jefferson Lab Graduate Fellowship Awards Announced

Washington, DC – Jefferson Sciences Associates announced the award of seven JSA/ Jefferson Lab graduate fellowships for research related to the science program at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab) – a U.S. Department of Energy laboratory managed and operated by JSA. During the 2010-2011 academic year, the following graduate students from SURA member universities will be working with JLab scientists of their research proposals.

Dasuni K. Adikaram, Old Dominion University, Lawrence Weinstein, Advisor
William P. Ford, Old Dominion University, J. Wallace Van Orden, Advisor
Carlos G. Granados, Florida International University, Misak Sargsian, Advisor
Jin Huang, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; William Bertozzi, Advisor
Sucheta S. Jawalkar, College of William and Mary, Keith Griffioen, Advisor
John P. Leckey, College of William and Mary; David Armstrong, Advisor
Diancheng Wang, University of Virginia; Xiaochao Zheng, Advisor

Awardees Huang and Leckey are repeat JSA fellowship recipients, both at Jefferson Lab for the current academic year.

First established by the SURA Board of Trustees in 1989, this graduate fellowship program has been continued by JSA for doctoral students at SURA member universities conducting research related to the theoretical and experimental programs at Jefferson Lab, including nuclear and related particle physics, accelerator physics, and the Lab’s free electron laser program. Since program inception, 156 fellowships have been awarded to graduate students from 19 different SURA member universities.

Each fellowship award is comprised of one-half of an academic year research assistant stipend, plus a $2,000 supplement. The home institution matches half of the research assistantship. An additional $2,000 is available for research related travel support for the student.

The review committee was chaired by JSA Programs Committee chair and JSA Board Director June Matthews, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and included: Hari Areti, Jefferson Lab; Rolf Ent, Jefferson Lab; David Ernst, Vanderbilt University; Gerard Gilfoyle, University of Richmond; Keith Griffioen, College of William and Mary; Zein-Eddine Meziani, Temple University; Stephen Wallace, University of Maryland; and Elizabeth Lawson, SURA. Matthews stated, “JSA is pleased that these students are involved with the JLab science program and approved experiments. One of the primary goals of the JSA/JLab Fellowship Program is to provide opportunities for qualified students to enhance their research capabilities by linking their academic studies with the Lab’s science. The research proposals of this year’s awardees are clearly focused on important experiments at the Lab.”

The JSA/JLab Graduate Fellowship Program is supported by the JSA Initiatives Fund and administered by the SURA Office of Strategic Services for the JSA Programs Committee.

About the JSA Initiatives Fund. The JSA owners (SURA and CSC/ATG) have established the JSA Initiatives Fund to support programs, initiatives, and activities that further the scientific outreach, and promote the science,
education and technology missions of Jefferson Lab in ways that complement its basic and applied research focus. Initiatives Fund awards are for those projects that benefit the Lab user community and that leverage commitments of others. The annual commitment of $0.5 Million is administered by the SURA Office of Strategic Services for the JSA Programs Committee. Funds not committed in one fiscal year will automatically be forwarded to the following year.

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