

Opportunity Title: Planning, Coordination and Logistics of Multi-Agent Heterogeneous Teams

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Description About the Research

This Post-Doc researcher is embedded within a team of multi-disciplinary scientists and engineers located at the Army Research Lab at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. The team's research focus is on aerial and ground based robotics systems and autonomy with the objective to further the fundamental sciences of these fields as tailored by Army relevant problems and end goals. In specific, this opportunity will be formulating research in the area of autonomous multi-agent teams with an emphasis on the energy constraints associated with their mission planning and logistics of operation. The goal of this research is to develop new techniques and algorithms that can better plan the missions of aerial and ground based robotic teams. Research outcomes will be implemented in software to be evaluated in live and simulated environments coordinated with other team members.

Responsibilities:

Will perform research in multi-agent teams of autonomous systems with an emphasis on tasking systems in resource constrained environments. Primary responsibilities will be to formulate the research space and apply known and new techniques to Army relevant problems for autonomous teams of systems with a focus on fundamental research to push the state of the science. This opportunity additionally includes contributing guidance to the current project team and to external university partners in this field. The individual for this opportunity will also publish results to the larger scientific community to expand the body of knowledge through formal conference and journal submissions. Finally, the opportunity will need to support demonstrations in simulation and on live systems.

Qualifications:

PhD in Artificial Intelligence, Operations Research, Computer Science or related field. Track record of top research in multi agent systems, coordination, logistical planning of vehicle routes, resource constrained planning, heterogeneous teaming and task allocation as possibly applied to autonomous systems.

Experience in applied applications and running algorithms on live systems or in simulation environments is a plus, including knowledge and/or experience in programming languages of Python, C++, or C#.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, operations research, Computer Science, multi-agent systems, logistical planning, vehicle routing, resource constrained planning, heterogeneous teaming, task allocation, autonomous systems, routing optimization
live systems, simulation environments
Python, C++, C#



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About CISD

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About ARL-RAP

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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

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- 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:** Doctoral Degree.
- **Academic Level(s):** Any academic level.
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** ([16](#) 👁)
 - **Engineering** ([27](#) 👁)
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** ([10](#) 👁)
- **Age:** Must be 18 years of age