**Opportunity Title:** Growth, characterization, and structure-property-function relationship studies
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**Organization** DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory

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**Description** **About the Research**

The project involves synthesis/growth and characterization of hybrid nano-structures, including semiconductor and metal quantum clusters, two-dimensional nanostructures (graphene, borene, phosphorene, antimonene, BN and transition metal chalcogenides) and their hetero-structures; Bio-Nano structures, including protein and nucleaic acid templated nanomaterials as multifunctional platforms. Structural characterizations include electron microsopy (Transmission, scanning), surface probe microscopies (scanning tunneling and atomic and magnetic force), x-ray photoelctron spectroscopy, UV-Vis and photoluminescence spectroscopies. The property characterizations include electron transport, thermal transport, photo-induced phenomena. The candidate will have prior research experience with hybrid nano and bio-nano materials growth, charetrizations and hands-on experience in metrology and property (optical, electrical, thermal) evaluation laboratory techniques.

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**About Army Research Directorate (ARD)**
ARL's Army Research Directorate (ARD) focuses on exploiting concept development, discovery, technology development, and transition of the most promising disruptive science and technology to deliver to the Army fundamentally advantageous science-based capabilities through laboratory's 11 research competencies. This intramural research directorate also manages the laboratory's essential research programs, which are flagship research efforts focused on delivering defined outcomes.

**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.

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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
- 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

**Point of Contact** ARL-RAP

**Eligibility Requirements**

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, or Doctoral Degree.
- **Academic Level(s):** Any academic level.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** (2 👁)
  - **Science & Engineering-related** (1 👁)
- **Age:** Must be 18 years of age