

Opportunity Title: Computational Laser Origami of Compliant Mechanisms

Opportunity Reference Code: ARL-C-300030-EMSS

Organization DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory

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How to Apply Applications must be submitted in [Zintellect](#).

A complete application includes:

1. Curriculum Vitae or Resume

- List relevant coursework and lab experience as well as all papers, presentations, or publications you may have authored or co-authored. Include any reprints or abstracts if they are available.

2. 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)

3. Transcripts

- Transcript verifying receipt of degree or current enrollment in an undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited university or technical institute. Student/unofficial copy is acceptable

4. Research Proposal

- 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

Description About the Research

The candidate will design and analyze various thin metal compliant mechanisms that can be fabricated with a novel laser folding approach developed in ARL. The various designs will be fabricated in an iterative design process in a laser in ARL to perform controlled thermal folding. The ideal candidate will have experience and understanding of compliant mechanisms, mechanics of material, thermal effects and heat transfer. Innovation and creativity as well as hands on experimentation experience are desired. Moreover the candidate should possess excellent verbal and written communication skills. There is an expectation of a submitted journal article after the students period of performance ideally related to the candidates thesis work.

ARL Advisor: Gabriel Smith



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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.

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About Electromagnetic Spectrum Sciences (EMSS)

Novel approaches to sensing and operating across the entire electromagnetic (EM) environment; counter-sensing across the EM spectrum; protection from EM effects; emerging concepts for RF, radars, and electronic warfare (EW).

Questions about this opportunity? Please email ARLFellowship@ora.u.org

Point of Contact [ARL-RAP](#)

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| Eligibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Only |
| Requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Degree: Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, or Doctoral Degree.• Academic Level(s): Any academic level.• Discipline(s):<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Engineering (3 )• Age: Must be 18 years of age |

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