

**Opportunity Title:** Computational Laser Origami of Compliant Mechanisms

**Opportunity Reference Code:** ARL-C-300030

**Organization** DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory

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**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.

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**About SEDD**

The Sensors and Electron Devices Directorate (SEDD) is the Army's principal center for research and development in the exploration and exploitation of the electromagnetic spectrum, which includes radio frequency, microwave, millimeter-wave, infrared (IR), visible, and audio regions. SEDD is responsible for advances in laser sources, RF sources, IR sensors, signature detection and decoding, target imaging and its interpretation, fusion of data derived from several sensors, and electromagnetic protection.

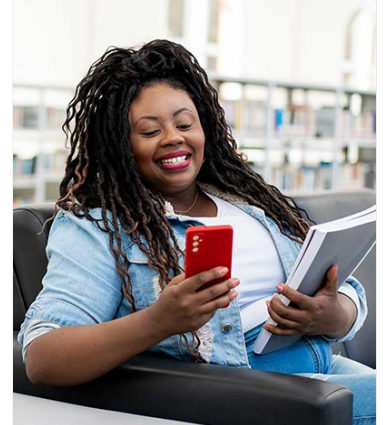
In addition, SEDD is responsible for improving the technology base for electron devices and materials related to sensors and power devices. Research is conducted in related aspects of physics, electrical engineering, computer science, solid-state physics, chemical engineering, material sciences, and electrochemistry.

**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



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physics, communication and networking, and computational and information sciences.

**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
- 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](mailto:ARLFellowship@orau.org)

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| <b>Eligibility Requirements</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Citizenship:</b> U.S. Citizen Only</li><li>• <b>Degree:</b> Master's Degree received within the last 60 months or currently pursuing.</li><li>• <b>Academic Level(s):</b> Any academic level.</li><li>• <b>Discipline(s):</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <b>Engineering</b> (<a href="#">1</a> )</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Age:</b> Must be 18 years of age</li></ul> |
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