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Description

About the Research

New gain media for mid-infrared (MIR) solid-state laser are currently being developed through research in finding host materials that have good optical, mechanical, and thermal properties to withstand the operating conditions of practical lasers. These MIR transitions, however, are strongly quenched due to non-radiative decay in traditional laser hosts based on oxide and certain fluoride crystals. In order to overcome the strong emission quenching, new laser hosts with low maximum phonon energies are currently being sought for direct MIR lasers. The Army Research Laboratory's Advanced Solid-State Lasers Team is involved in enabling technology for high-energy pulsed mid-IR lasers development. Research tasks include material processing, spectroscopic studies on absorption,

Keywords: Solid-State-Laser Materials, Mid-Infrared Laser, Rare-Earth Doped Crystals

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About SEDD

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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.

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processing, nanotechnology, material science and technology, multifunctional technology, combustion processes, propulsion and flight 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

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Bachelor's Degree.
- **Academic Level(s):** Any academic level.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Engineering** (27 👁)
  - **Physics** (16 👁)