

**Opportunity Title:** Research into Intelligent Autonomy of Small Robots

**Opportunity Reference Code:** ARL-C-CISD-300085

**Organization** DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory

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### **Description About the Research**

This research develops computational methods that enable robots to perceive and understand their environment; move, see, orient and collaborate in complex missions with limited human intervention. As the focus is on robots that can be applied to the Army domain, of particular interest are highly efficient, robust, and agile methods that exhibit excellent properties with limited computational power, storage, and bandwidth.

Opportunities exist in the following areas:

- Robotic autonomy in mixed-initiative operations
- Collaboration of small robots in communications-limited environment
- Autonomous navigation at operational tempo
- Detection and tracking of moving objects from stationary and moving robots
- Multi-robot object tracking, classification and recognition
- GPS-denied localization of robots and objects in the scene
- Reasoning over semantic concepts
- Fusion of information from heterogeneous sensors for robot missions
- Optimization of complex algorithms for computationally limited platforms
- Experimentation and validation methods in robotics

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### **About CISD**

The Computational and Information Sciences Directorate (CISD) conducts research in a variety of disciplines relevant to achieving and implementing the so-called digital battlefield. Problems address the sensing, distribution, analysis, and display of information in the modern battle space. CISD research focuses on four major areas: communications, atmospheric modeling, battlefield visualization, and computing

### **About ARL-RAP**

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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.

**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.or](mailto:ARLFellowship@orau.or)

- Eligibility Requirements**
- **Degree:** Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, or Doctoral Degree.
  - **Academic Level(s):** Any academic level.
  - **Discipline(s):**
    - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** ([12](#))
    - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** ([16](#))
    - **Earth and Geosciences** ([21](#))
    - **Engineering** ([27](#))
    - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** ([14](#))
    - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([45](#))

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- **Mathematics and Statistics** ([10](#) )
- **Physics** ([16](#) )
- **Science & Engineering-related** ([1](#) )
- **Age:** Must be 18 years of age