IACS Junior Researcher Award

This award is given to continuing PhD graduate students in the fall of their third year, or later in their graduate study, who are conducting full-time research and are recognized as outstanding junior researchers by institute faculty or affiliates. Application deadlines are June 1 annually.

How to apply?
The application consists of a two-step review process:

1. The first round consists of submitting to your PI an application, your CV, a 2-page research statement and an outline of a presentation that would be made to the committee and to the IACS faculty should the candidate move on to the second round of review. The research statement should clearly state how the candidate will advance science in his/her field of interest and highlight any interdisciplinary aspects to the research. The PI will write a recommendation for the candidate and submit with the other required documents in pdf form to iacs@stonybrook.edu, and the documents will be reviewed by an IACS Award Committee. (Note: The recommendation from the advisor should clearly state the contributions you have made to your field and how your research differs from their own.)

2. If the candidate receives committee approval, he/she moves to the second round of review which is to give a presentation (no more than 15 minutes in length) to the IACS faculty, and the candidate should be prepared to take questions after the presentation. A final decision will be made by the review committee once the candidate completes the presentation. Below are some talking points the committee is looking for in your presentations:

- The significance and originality of your research
- A strong computational component emphasizing any software or algorithm developments; any planned application studies
- Your enthusiasm
- One slide devoted to a timeline of your research for the coming year
- Brief comments about the activity that might happen if your fellowship is renewed for a second year

What does the award provide?
The award is in the form of a lump-sum payment that is in addition to the regular stipend provided by the home department or research grant. The award brings total payment for the student to $34,000 for 1 calendar year, plus $4K per year for travel. *(The recipient of the award is responsible for determining if the payments received are taxable or non-taxable income when filing his/her individual income tax return. It is suggested that the recipient should seek professional advice from the IRS or income tax advisors regarding this matter.)*

What are the continuation requirements?
Continuation of the award for another year is contingent upon an outstanding follow-up evaluation by the student's advisor as well as another presentation before the IACS Award Committee. Also required is that the student receive no less than a B in any graduate course taken throughout the duration of the academic year in which the award was given along with at least a B+ GPA. The award cannot be extended beyond 2 years.

IACS JUNIOR RESEARCHER AWARD APPLICATION

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PH: _____

DEPT: _____ PI: _____

RESEARCH TOPIC: _____

TITLE OF PRESENTATION (If you are moved on to the second round of review):

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PI APPROVAL

I acknowledge that _____ is my student and I hereby nominate him/her for the IACS Junior Researcher Award.

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PI SIGNATURE   DATE: