

## **MGA NEW AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL (OR REVISION) \***

### **1. BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this scholarship will honor the legacy of the scholarship's namesake – James H. Graham and provide long-term support to encourage graduate study in the area of cybersecurity by well-qualified graduate students, who are members of the IEEE, at universities and colleges in IEEE Region 3. Mentors for these graduate students should be faculty members and hold current membership in a Region 3 IEEE Section.

### **2. DESCRIPTION**

The name of the scholarship shall be the IEEE Region 3 James H. Graham Cybersecurity Scholarship. The sponsor is IEEE Region 3. The scholarship shall be awarded annually.

### **3. ADMINISTRATION**

IEEE Region 3 Awards Committee will be responsible for administering the award.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY**

The process shall comply with procedures and regulations established in IEEE and MGA Section governing documents, particularly with IEEE Policy 4.4 on Award Limitations.

Previous award winners are not eligible for substantially the same achievements (per IEEE Policies 4.4: An individual shall receive only one award for a given achievement unless the significance merits a higher award, which may be given in the following year or thereafter.)

The award will be given only if a suitable applicant/awardee is identified.

Applicants must be at least Student Members of the IEEE in good standing, in order to be considered. At the time of the award, applicants should possess (or be in the final term of a program to obtain) a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Cybersecurity, or Computer Science (a degree that is the combination of these areas is acceptable). Applicants should have a demonstrated interest in the study of cybersecurity and should have earned an outstanding grade point average, 3.0 or higher in their undergraduate studies.

### **5. PRIZE ITEMS**

- One (1) recipient will be awarded per year
- Recipient will receive US\$1,500, a plaque or certificate
- Travel reimbursement for the recipient to attend SoutheastCon, up to US\$500

A check will be issued to the institution in which the graduate student(s) are enrolled during the period of the award (typically one year).

### **6. FUNDS**

Dr. James H. Graham has agreed, to sign a Gift Agreement with IEEE Foundation to contribute US\$55,000 to a dedicated single-purpose Fund Functioning as Endowment.

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Additional donations to the Fund are anticipated by students, friends, and business associates of Dr. Graham.

## **7. NOMINEE SOLICITATION**

This award will be handled as part of the Region 3 Awards process detailed online at <https://r3.ieee.org/committees/awards-and-recognition/> . The present approach is to do several solicitations – website content, emails to R3 members (of all grades), social media posts, and callouts to OU leadership. The Region is using the IEEE Awards platform for nominations.

## **8. AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE**

This award will be handled as part of the Region 3 Awards process detailed online at <https://r3.ieee.org/committees/awards-and-recognition/>. The awards selection committee, with the addition of the Region 3 Educational Activities Coordinator to the committee, will evaluate and recommend an awardee to the IEEE Region 3 ExCom which will be the final approval body.

## **9. SELECTION PROCESS**

This award will be handled as part of the Region 3 Awards process detailed online at <https://r3.ieee.org/committees/awards-and-recognition/>. All committee members will evaluate the nominees, submit their rankings, and in a meeting discuss and recommend an awardee to the Region 3 ExCom.

## **10. SCHEDULE**

This award will be handled as part of the Region 3 Awards process detailed online at <https://r3.ieee.org/committees/awards-and-recognition/>. Students, who are IEEE Student Members or Graduate Student Members, will apply for this scholarship in the fall. A selection will be made by Region 3 (see item 9 for details) in the following spring in a timely manner so that the award recipient will be notified prior to SoutheastCon.

## **11. PRESENTATION**

The award recipient will be announced each spring at the Awards Banquet at SoutheastCon. (In the event that SoutheastCon is canceled or postponed, an alternate award announcement will be determined by Region 3 leadership.)

## **12. PUBLICITY**

This award will be handled as part of the Region 3 Awards process detailed online at <https://r3.ieee.org/committees/awards-and-recognition/> . The call for applications would be sent to all Region 3 Student Branches, placed in the Region 3 Newsletter that goes to all members, and announced in R3 social media outlets. The recipient will be announced in the Region 3 communication channels. The student's present school and future school will be notified of the award.

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***(\* For proposals (or revisions) submitted by MGA Committees, ARC will submit proposal to MELCC for endorsement and to MGA Board for approval.***

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**FOR ARC REVIEW COMMITTEE ONLY**

**ACTION BY MGA AWARDS AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE:**

- 1) Proposal (or revision) returned to submitter with recommended modification for resubmission \_\_\_\_\_**
- 2) Proposal (or revision) endorsed as presented; return to submitter for final approval\_\_\_\_\_**
- 3) Proposal (or revision) rejected; returned to submitter for reevaluation/submission\_\_\_\_\_**

**Reason(s) for Rejection:**

Does not meet award specifications criteria\_\_\_\_\_

Incomplete proposal \_\_\_\_\_

Award already exists \_\_\_\_\_

Similarity to existing Award \_\_\_\_\_

**ARC MEMBERS ENTER COMMENTS BELOW:**

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