

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

Applicants must be Student Members or Graduate 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 on a 4-point scale in their undergraduate studies.

Per IEEE policy 4.4.H, members of the Award Selection Committee shall be ineligible to receive, or act as a nominator or reference for the award. Prior recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to be considered again.

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

5. PRIZE ITEMS

- One (1) recipient will be awarded per year
- The award consists of
 - A payment of US\$1500 to the institution in which the graduate student is enrolled during the period of the award (typically one year)
 - A plaque or certificate consistent with other student awards being awarded at SoutheastCon in the same year.
 - Travel reimbursement for the recipient to attend SoutheastCon consistent with the travel policy for other award recipients receiving awards at SoutheastCon.

6. FUNDS

Date award template received: 23 October 2023

Date ARC final review completed: 15 November 2023

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. 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.

Date award template received: 23 October 2023

Date ARC final review completed: 15 November 2023

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

Date award template received: 23 October 2023
Date ARC final review completed: 15 November 2023

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 ___X___**
- 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:

All comments were addressed by the submitter.

Date award template received: 23 October 2023

Date ARC final review completed: 15 November 2023