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**BATTEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (BCET)
DIVERSITY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP (Diversity Recruitment)**

Extended Application Deadline: April 1, 2021

DESCRIPTION: BCET has established a Diversity Fellowship to assist qualified graduate students who are American citizens or permanent residents. These are merit-based fellowships and are designed to recruit and support students from underrepresented groups in engineering: women, minority, persons with disabilities, veterans, and/or first-generation students who want to enroll in a PhD program in BCET. Students who demonstrate a commitment to promoting diversity are encouraged to apply.

Applications are reviewed by a committee consisting of the graduate program directors from the eligible departments within the college and the rank ordered applicants will then be recommended to the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs (ADR). Awards are granted to highly qualified applicants consistent with BCET goals to incentivize research, increase research productivity, enhance graduate education, and promote high-quality scholarship.

BCET will support one graduate Diversity Fellowship for 2021-2022 AY (includes summer semester of 2022). The stipend is \$25,000 per academic year plus tuition. This is a renewable fellowship for up to 3 years upon satisfactory fulfillment of the requirements and availability of funds for each year. While the actual contribution of stipend and tuition funds over three years are worked out among BCET, fellow's Department, and the corresponding faculty advisor, the faculty advisor is expected to pick up increasing responsibility of the funding support after the first year.

EXPECTATIONS: Fellows should define their research interests and identify their potential faculty advisor when applying for a Fellowship. Recipients must be present on campus one week before the start of classes to finalize the award. This fellowship is contingent upon admission to an appropriate Doctoral program in BCET. Recipients who miss these deadlines may forfeit the award for that semester and possibly the academic year. Specific duties of the student will be assigned by the Department Chairs in consultation with BCET ADR and may include tutoring engineering students or laboratory instruction. Fellows will be expected to participate actively in BCET Diversity Initiatives and get involved with the BCET Diversity Committee.

ELIGIBILITY: Nominees must meet the following criteria: 1. Fulfill criteria for admission as a full-time graduate student in a doctoral degree program offered at BCET; 2. Good academic performance (GPA, publications, awards, extra-curricular activities, etc.); 3. Be a member of historically underrepresented minority groups, person with disabilities, veteran and/or first generation student; 4) Be a US citizen or permanent resident.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Two or more letters of recommendation are to be submitted with application package.

DEADLINE: Application (<https://www.odu.edu/content/dam/odu/col-dept/eng/docs/bcet-diversity-fellowship-form-w-description.pdf>) and letters of recommendation are to be emailed to Ms. Vivian Taylor (vftaylor@odu.edu) with subject line: **BCET Graduate Fellowship Application: Diversity** and received no later than **April 1, 2021** to be considered for this academic year. The award notification will be in May 2021.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING FELLOWSHIP: The candidate must:

- Be admitted to the PhD graduate program by the Graduate School and the appropriate Engineering Department in BCET.
- A two-page personal statement indicating how being a member of the underrepresented group has affected their career trajectory and how the fellowship will help the student to succeed.
- Have a minimum GPA of no less than 3.25.
- Possess appropriate verbal and written communication skills.
- Demonstrate potential for success in the engineering profession through past honors/awards, leadership, publications and professional experience(s).
- Identify a major faculty advisor and research interest for their graduate studies.

CHECK LIST:

Submit all required documents in one PDF file named FirstLast.pdf (example JohnDoe.pdf)

Filled Application Form

Two-page personal statement

Two Recommendation Letters

Resume/CV (Academic Preparation (Degrees and GPA, Publications, Work Experience, Awards, Service and Extracurricular Activities, etc.)

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DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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Personal Information

DATE: _____ NAME (First M. Last): _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
STATE/COUNTRY : _____ ZIPCODE: _____ E-MAIL
ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____ MEMBER
OF DIVERSE GROUP: DISABILITY _____ GENDER _____ FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE
STUDENT _____ MILITARY VETERAN _____
 MINORITY GROUP _____ US CITIZEN? Yes NO

ODU Graduate School

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL? YES NO
IF YES, DATE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED: _____ STUDENT ID # IN: _____
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A BCET FELLOWSHIP? YES NO IF YES, WHEN: _____
GRE SCORES: VERBAL _____ QUANTITATIVE: _____ ANALYTIC: _____ TOEFL SCORE: _____
DEPARTMENT: ECE MAE CEE MSVE EMSE ET
PROPOSED MAJOR ADVISOR: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
RESEARCH INTEREST: _____
PREVIOUS SEMESTERS AT ODU? UNDERGRADUATE: _____ MASTER: _____ Ph.D.: _____

Graduate Institution

GRADUATE INSTITUTION: _____ GPA: _____
MAJOR: _____ GRADUATION DATE: _____

Undergraduate Institution

UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTION: _____ GPA: _____
MINOR: _____ GRADUATION DATE: _____

Resume/CV

HONORS/AWARDS/GRANTS: _____

LEADERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS/SOCIETIES: _____

PUBLICATIONS: _____

PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCE: _____

List two references who will submit letters of recommendation

NAME: _____	NAME: _____
EMAIL: _____	EMAIL: _____
POSITION: _____	POSITION: _____
TELEPHONE: _____	TELEPHONE: _____

SUBMIT THIS FORM AND ALL OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS IN ONE PDF FILE (ex. JohnDoe.pdf)
SEND TO: Ms. Vivian Taylor (vftaylor@odu.edu)