



2020 JOHN L. BRYAN GRA AWARD

Call for Application

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP POSITION FOR INCOMING MASTER OF SCIENCE STUDENTS VIA JOHN L. BRYAN CHAIR

The John L. Bryan Chair endowment provides support for one Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA) every year. The support is provided to outstanding, incoming Master of Science (MS) students, domestic or international, in the UMD Department of Fire Protection Engineering (FPE) and is awarded on a competitive basis. Incoming students are defined as **students who start their MS program in Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2021 or Spring 2021.**

The support goes to an individual who has already applied or will be applying to the FPE MS program. Identification of a research project and a MS Thesis Faculty advisor are welcome but are not required. The recipient of the John L. Bryan GRA Award is expected to complete the proposed research project under the supervision of a member of the Faculty of the FPE Department. Because of a possible delay between the time of the announcement of the Award (March 2020) and the start of the MS program (possibly as late as Spring 2021), changes to the original plan submitted by the Awardee may be allowed (*e.g.*, changes in the proposed research area, the start date of the MS program, *etc*); in that case, changes need to be authorized by the FPE Director of Graduate Studies.

The John L. Bryan GRA Award includes standard tuition credits (up to 25), health benefits, and a stipend (\$31,839). The duration of the support is up to 12 months. However, all mandatory fees must be paid by the student (see the Graduate School's student handbook at <http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/catalog/> for details regarding these fees). If additional support is needed, the Department will seek to provide additional funds, possibly through a Teaching Assistantship or through funds made available by the Faculty advisor of the Awardee.

Interested applicants should provide a one-page statement of purpose explaining their interest in the MS degree program in general and in fire research in particular. Applicants should also provide an updated resume. Applications should be submitted via email to Dr. Arnaud Trouvé, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the FPE Department (atrouve@umd.edu). The deadline for

application is **Friday February 14, 2020**. A decision on the recipient of the 2020 John L. Bryan GRA Award will be made by March 1.